

## **Appendix 2-F**

### **Wild Horse Ridge Soil Resource Inventory and Assessment**

**BEAR CANYON MINE  
WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT**

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**DETAILED SOIL RESOURCE INVENTORY  
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**BEAR CANYON MINE  
WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL  
EMERY COUNTY, UTAH**

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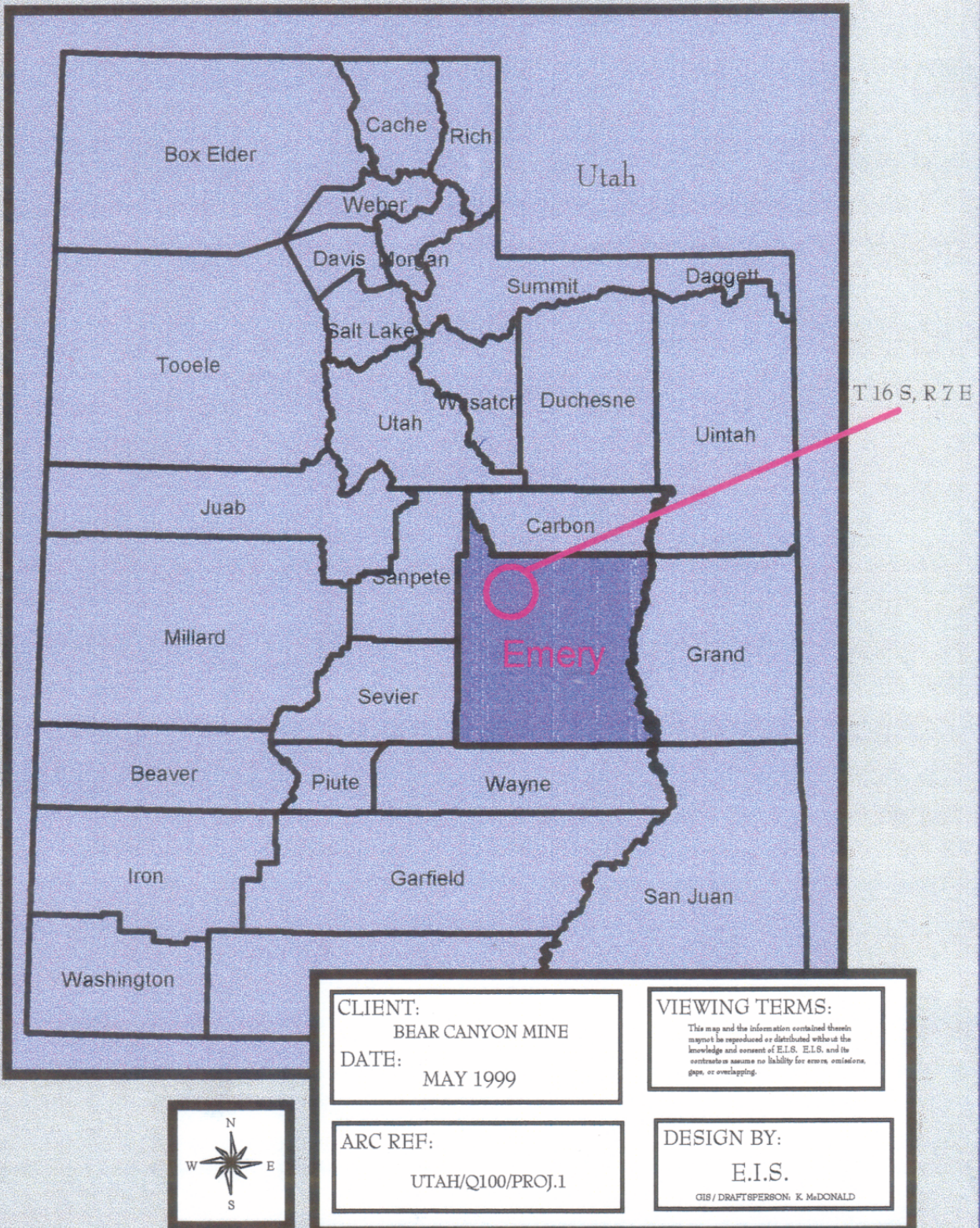


# BEAR CANYON MINE

## Wild Horse Ridge Portal Project

Emery County, Utah

Figure 1: Location Map





## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 LOCATION AND SETTING**

This report presents soils information compiled from a detailed soil survey (order one intensity level) of the proposed Wild Horse Ridge Portal Project at the Bear Canyon Mine, Emery County, Utah. The study area is located about eight miles northwest of the town of Huntington; S24, T16S, R7E (Fig. 1). The project is an extension of the existing Bear Canyon Mine operated by C. W. Mining Company. It includes development of a portal site, conveyor, and access road. The main access road has been constructed, but may need upgrading. The total potential disturbed area is approximately six acres; which includes about one mile of road, 0.6 miles of conveyor corridor, and about 1.5 acres at the portal site.

The study area is located along the eastern edge of the Wasatch Plateau physiographic section. It is in a narrow, steeply sloping canyon cut in sandstone and shale bedrock at the south end of Gentry Mountain. The elevation ranges from about 7,130 to 7,710 feet, and annual precipitation is about 15 to 18 inches. Vegetation includes Pinion-juniper types of the more southerly facing slopes and Douglas-fir on the cooler north facing slopes.

### **1.2 OBJECTIVES**

The detailed soil survey was conducted to provide sufficient information on the existing soil resources for the development and reclamation of the proposed portal, conveyor, and access road. The objectives were to document physical and chemical properties of the soils and assess soil suitability and limitations related to the proposed activities. One objective was to determine the amount of suitable soil materials available for reclamation purposes. This material sometimes referred to as topsoil, is the soil material which has properties that are suitable for growth of native plant species. Included in the soil survey are maps showing the distribution of different soil types and the thickness of salvageable soil materials, descriptions of the soils, soil laboratory test results, and photographs of soils and the landscape.

The information presented is to fulfill the soil survey and assessment requirements of the Utah Department of Natural Resources; Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (UDOGM); pertaining to management of topsoil and overburden for mining.

## **2.0 METHODS AND PROCEDURES**

### **2.1 DATA REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

The project area had been mapped at the order two soil survey intensity level as part of a soil survey of the Bear Canyon Mine area by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. This information was provided by Leland Sasser, Soil Scientist, NRCS, Price, Utah. Co-op Mining Company collected 14 soil samples from four different sites in the project area and submitted them to Inter-Mountain Laboratories, Farmington, New Mexico for analysis. This information base was fairly good; but more site specific documentation of soil descriptions, more detailed mapping, and further analysis was needed to meet the requirements of an order one (detailed) soil survey.

### **2.2 SOIL INVENTORY AND MAPPING**

Soil inventory and mapping was conducted at the order one intensity level during April, 1999, by Daniel M. Larsen, Professional Soil Scientist. Field assistance was provided by Carl East, Biologist, E.I.S. Field mapping was done at a scale of one inch equal to 200 feet. Soil descriptions were obtained from hand dug soil pits and soils exposed on road cuts. Four of the soil descriptions were taken at the sites where Co-op Mining Company had taken soil samples for testing in 1996. Data collection consisted of a total of 25 points, as well as appropriate notes and photographs.

Documentation of field data is presented in Map B-Soil Data Collection Map; Appendix C-Field Soil Profile Descriptions and Transect Data; and Appendix D-Soil Profile and Landscape Photographs.

### **2.3 SOIL PROFILE (PEDON) DESCRIPTIONS**

Soil profile descriptions, technically referred to as pedon descriptions, were recorded from a cleaned off representative section of the soil pit wall. Descriptions were taken on form SCS-Soils-232G and completed according to methods and standards of the National Cooperation Soil Survey as described in: the Soil Survey Manual (Soil Survey Staff, 1993); the National Soil Survey Handbook (Soil Survey Staff, 1993); and Keys to Soil Taxonomy, seventh edition (Soil Survey Staff, 1996).

The following parameters were described for each soil pedon description:

- horizon symbol, depth, thickness, and relative position;
- clarity and continuity of horizon boundaries;
- soil color (Munsell), both moist and dry;
- texture (fine earth fraction - <2mm);
- rock fragment content [type and size - (gravel - 2mm to 3"), (cobble - 3" to 10"), (stone - 10" to 2'), (boulder - >2'), and amount - % by volume];
- soil structure (type, size and grade);
- roots (size and abundance);
- clay films, if present (number, thickness, location);
- effervescence with 0.1N HC1 (none, slight, moderate, strong, violent);

In addition, the following soil and general site features were also described:

- existing dominant vegetation
- climate (moisture and temperature regimes)
- parent material
- physiography-landform
- relief
- elevation (obtainable from topographic maps)
- slope
- aspect
- erosion condition
- permeability



- drainage class
- depth to a saturated zone or ground water if encountered
- salts or alkali if present
- surface stoniness

## 2.4 SOIL SAMPLING AND LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Seven soil samples were selected during this inventory and submitted to Inter-Mountain Laboratories, Inc., Farmington, New Mexico, to supplement the data previously obtained by Co-op Mining Company. The samples were taken from representative soil layers and placed in clean plastic bags. About four to five pounds of each sample was sent to the laboratory on April 8, 1999. Laboratory testing results were received on May 5, 1999.

The following parameters were included in the soil analysis:

### PH

Electrical conductivity

Saturation percentage

Sodium Absorption Ration

includes Ca, Mg, and Na in meq/L

Mechanical Analysis

includes % very fine sand, sand, silt, clay, and texture classification

Total Organic Carbon

includes calculation for % organic matter

% Calcium carbonate

Boron (CaCl<sub>2</sub> extraction)

Selenium (AB-DPTA extraction)

Available water capacity

includes 1/3 bar and 15 bar analyses

Exchangeable sodium percentage

includes available Na, exchangeable Na, and cation exchange capacity.

Analyzed only if SAR > 15 for sandy soils or >12 for clays

This list of parameters for testing was compiled through communications with Robert A. Davidson, Reclamation Soil Scientist, State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (August 1997). Mr. Davidson has also communicated with Inter-Mountain Laboratories, Inc., to assure that approved laboratory methods were used.

The 14 soil samples submitted by Co-op Mining Company in 1996, were tested for a slightly different array of parameters.

## **2.5 SOIL SUITABILITY FOR SALVAGE**

Criteria to establish suitability of soil (topsoil) or soil substitute material were those contained in Table 2 of UDOGM "Guidelines for Management of Topsoil and Overburden for Underground and Surface Coal Mining," included as Appendix A. Although the UDOGM suitability criteria considers >30% (by volume) rock fragments (for both gravels <3" in size and cobbles 3 to 10" in size) to be unacceptable, and >10% stones and boulders >10" in size to also be unacceptable, recent discussion with Robert Davidson (Nyenhuis 1997) indicates his preference for salvaging soil with higher rock content. Although unacceptable thresholds were not set, the general idea is to salvage otherwise suitable soil with higher amounts of rock content in the soil than typical.

Potential salvage depths were determined for each map unit based on an evaluation of all of the field and laboratory data.

## **3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

### **3.1 SOIL SURVEY MAP**

A detailed soil survey map was compiled at a scale of one inch equal 200 feet for the proposed Wild Horse Ridge Portal Project area. This map is shown as Map A. Seven soil map units were identified which represent areas having differences related to soil and landscape characteristics.

These soil map units are:

- A. Pathead-Cabba Complex, 30 to 70% slopes
- B. Winetti, High elevation; 5 to 30% slopes
- C. Winetti, High elevation-Rock outcrop; 10 to 30% slopes
- D. Doney, Deep; 10 to 30% slopes
- E. Datino-Guben Complex, 30 to 80% slopes
- F. Guben-Pathead Complex, 30-80% slopes
- G. Doney-Cabba-Podo Complex, 30 to 80% slopes

These soil map units are specific to the project area and are slightly different than the units previously mapped by the Natural Resources Conservation Service at a broader level. Statements comparing the soil map units of these two inventories are given in Appendix F.

### **3.2 SOIL MAP UNIT DESCRIPTIONS**

The seven soil map units identified in this inventory were given alphabetical symbols for simplicity. Map unit names are based on the dominant soil series present and steepness of the slopes. A soil series name is a name given to a soil that has a specific range of properties. Soil series descriptions for the soils common to this inventory are presented in Appendix E.

A general description of each of the soil map units is given below. In addition, soil map unit features are summarized in Table 3.2A.

#### **Soil Map Unit A: Pathead-Cabba Complex 30 to 70% Slopes.**

This soil map unit is on convex foot slopes supporting a Pinion-juniper vegetation type. Slope gradients are 30 to 70 percent. Soils have formed in stony colluvium and shale. They are well-drained and range from shallow to deep.



**TABLE 3.2A-SOIL MAP UNIT FEATURES  
WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT**

| MAP UNIT | LAND FORMS                       | % SLOPE | PARENT MATERIAL                   | SOIL DEPTH               | TEXTURES | ROCK FRAGMENT CLASS     | GENERAL VEGETATION                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---|
| A        | Foothills                        | 30-70%  | Colluvium and Shale               | Shallow to Deep          | sl,l,cl  | Stony to very cobbly    | Pinion-Juniper                                      |
| B        | Narrow Canyon Bottoms            | 5-30%   | Alluvium and Colluvium            | Deep                     | sl,l,ls  | Gravelly to Boulderly   | Cottonwood Douglas-fir, Dogwood, Wildrose           |
| C        | Narrow Canyon Bottoms            | 5-30%   | Alluvium, Colluvium and Sandstone | Shallow to Deep          | sl,l,ls  | Gravelly to Boulderly   | Cottonwood Douglas-fir, Dogwood, Wildrose           |
| D        | Toeslope Slight Bench            | 10-30%  | Colluvium, Slope Wash             | Deep                     | sl,l,ls  | Non-stony to stony      | Ponderosa Pine, Juniper, Douglas-fir                |
| E        | Steep Canyon Slope, North Aspect | 30-80%  | Colluvium, and Shale              | Moderate Deep to Deep    | sl,l,cl  | Very stony to non-stony | Douglas-fir Pinion, Mountain Mahogany, Serviceberry |
| F        | Canyon Side Slope                | 30-80%  | Colluvium, Sandstone, and Shale   | Shallow to Moderate Deep | sl,l,cl  | Very stony to boulderly | Douglas-fir Pinion, Mountain Mahogany               |
| G        | Steep Canyon Slope, South Aspect | 30-80%  | Sandstone, Shale, and Colluvium,  | Shallow to Moderate Deep | sl,l,cl  | Very stony to non-stony | Pinion, Juniper, Grass                              |

The Pathead soils are weakly developed soils formed in stony colluvium derived dominantly from sandstone. Soil textures include sandy loam, loam, and clay loam. They are very cobbly to very stony. The surface layer is typically dark brown or dark grayish brown sandy loam about 3 to 4 inches thick. This is underlain by brown to yellowish-brown, very stony sandy loam to clay loam. Depth to bedrock is 20 inches or more.

The Cabba soils are shallow over shale. They are weakly developed and less than 20 inches to shale bedrock. The surface may have some gravelly or cobbly colluvium influence, but the soil profile is relatively stone free. Soil colors are dark grayish brown to dark brown and textures are loam and clay loam.

#### **SOIL MAP UNIT B: WINETTI, HIGH ELEVATION, 5 TO 30% Slopes**

This map unit is along the drainage bottom where soils have formed in alluvial and colluvial deposits derived from sandstone and shale. It occurs on a high gradient; ephemeral drainage system which lacks a well-defined bottom land. Vegetation is made up of a variety of species including Douglas-fir, Cottonwood, Ponderosa Pine, Dogwood, and Wild Rose.

Soils are mostly very gravelly to bouldery sandy loam or loam. They are similar to the Winetti soil series, which is typically at lower elevations with warmer temperatures. Sites in this canyon bottom are cool, and based on the vegetation are approaching a cryic temperature regime.

These soils are typically well-drained and have moderately rapid permeability. They show little soil profile development in the form of soil horizons. Topsoil layers are thin and subsoils are primarily a mixture of parent materials.

Included in the unit are segments of the existing access road and some side cast material from road construction.

### **SOIL MAP UNIT C: WINETTI HIGH ELEVATION-ROCK OUTCROP, 10 TO 30% SLOPES**

This map unit occurs at the upper end of the drainage bottom in the project area. It consists of a narrow canyon bottom with steep side slopes. Rock outcrop is common, and in places the streambed is bedrock. Large boulders and stones are also common. This unit is similar to Soil Map Unit B, but is on a narrower and more rocky section along the drainage.

The soils are very gravelly to bouldery sandy loam, loam, and loamy sand. They range from shallow to deep and show little soil profile development. Only thin topsoil layers are present, with a mixture of material below.

### **SOIL MAP UNIT D: DONEY, DEEP; 10 TO 30% SLOPES**

This map unit occurs on a small bench at the toe of a steep canyon slope. It is near the drainage bottom, but appears to have formed mostly from local slope wash and colluvium from the adjacent slopes. It is a gently sloping site compared to most of the project area and has deep soils supporting several large Ponderosa Pines trees. Field observations indicate that these soils are underlain by shale.

The soil in this map unit was grouped with the Doney soil family. Most of the unit appears to have soils that are deeper than 40 inches compared to the typical Doney family of 20 to 40 inches in depth.

Soils are brown to dark yellowish brown sandy loam and loam. The topsoil layer is thin and slightly darker colored than the remainder of the soil profile. Rock fragment content is less than 30 percent. The soils are well-drained and have moderate permeability.

### **SOIL MAP UNIT E: DATINO-GUBEN COMPLEX, 30 TO 80% SLOPE**

This map unit occurs on a steep, north-facing canyon slope. Soil materials are primarily stony colluvium, although there are inclusions of shale where the colluvium is thin or lacking and also some mixed soil material that was side cast during road construction. Vegetation includes: Douglas-fir, Serviceberry, Curleaf Mountain Mahogany, and scatter Pinion and Juniper.



Soils include the Datino and Guben series and other similar soils. These soils have a high rock fragment content and a dark colored surface layer of about 6 to 8 inches in thickness. The Guben soils have a distinct calcium carbonate accumulation at about 20 to 30 inches. Other similar soils have the characteristics of the Datino and Guben soils, but the surface soil layer is slightly lighter in color.

The soils are well-drained and typically have textures of loam or sandy loam. They are typically deep and moderately permeable.

Included in this map unit are some soils that are less stony and are typically associated with shale where the colluvial deposits are thin or lacking. These soils account for less than 5 percent of the unit, but are contrasting to the dominant soils.

Material that was side cast from road construction consists of a soil that is typically a brown stony or very cobbly sandy loam of 1 to 3 feet in thickness over the original soil.

#### **SOIL MAP UNIT F: GUBEN-PATHEAD COMPLEX, 30 TO 80% SLOPES**

This map unit is on a steep, north-facing canyon side slope along the access road. It is up slope from Soil Map Unit E and has shallower soils with more sandstone bedrock present. Slopes are 30 to 80 percent in gradient. The soils have formed mostly in stony colluvial deposits which range from about 2 to 6 feet in thickness. Some sandstone rocks outcrop its present in the unit. Vegetation includes: Douglas-fir, Pinion Pine, Bristlecone Pine, Curleaf Mountain Mahogany, and Serviceberry.

The Guben soils typically have a dark colored surface layer (mollic) about 7 to 10 inches thick and a calcium carbonate accumulation at about 20 to 30 inches. They are very cobbly to very stony, with textures of sandy loam and loam. Soil depths are generally greater than 40 inches to bedrock.

The Pathead soils consist of moderately deep, weakly developed soils formed in very stony or cobbly colluvium and residual materials derived dominantly from sandstone. They have very thin topsoil layers and the parent materials are relatively unaltered by soil development processes. These soils are typically underlain by sandstone bedrock at 20 to 40 inches in depth.

Included in this map unit are about 10 percent Datino soils which are similar to Guben, but lack a calcic horizon.

## **SOIL MAP UNIT G: DONEY-CABBA-PODO COMPLEX, 30 TO 80% SLOPES**

This soil map unit occurs on the steep, rocky, south-facing canyon slope near the proposed portal site. The soil components consist of shallow and moderately deep soils over sandstone and shale. The basic vegetation is a Pinion-juniper type.

The Doney soils are moderately deep (20 to 40 inches) and typically have less than 35 percent rock fragment content in the soil profile. They are well-drained and moderately permeable. Soil colors are typically dark brown and brown and textures are loam and sandy loam.

The Cabba soils are shallow (less than 20 inches) over shale bedrock. They typically have dark grayish brown and brown colors and textures of clay loam and loam. Permeability is restricted by the shallow depth to shale.

Podo soils are shallow over sandstone bedrock. They are typically loam or sandy loam in texture and are well-drained.

### **3.3 SOIL LABORATORY TESTING RESULTS**

The soil laboratory testing results are shown in Appendix B. Included are the testing results from the samples submitted by Co-op Mining Company in 1996 (coded WHRS) and those from this field inventory (coded CW). The CW identification corresponds to this project under C. W. Mining Company.

A summary of the soil testing data is given below for twenty soil samples (excluding CW 10-1):

| <b><u>PARAMETER</u></b>   | <b><u>RANGE</u></b> | <b><u>RATING*</u></b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| pH                        | 6.7 -- 7.8          | Good                  |
| EC (mmhos/cm)             | 0.33 - 1.31         | Good                  |
| Saturation %              | 30 — 49             | Good                  |
| SAR                       | 0.15– 0.7           | Good                  |
| Texture                   | SCL, SI6, SL, L     | Good                  |
| Boron (mg/Kg)             | 0.19– 1.6           | Good                  |
| Selenium (mg/Kg)          | <0.02               | Good                  |
| CaCO <sub>3</sub> % **    | 15.9– 26.4          | Fair                  |
| Avail. Water Cap. (in/in) | 0.06– 0.14          | Fair to Good          |
| Organic Matter % **       | 0.79– 2.6           | Not Rated             |

\*Rating based on soil suitability criteria, Table 2, Appendix A

\*\*CW samples only

Soil tests indicate that the soils generally rate fair to good as material for reclamation. Only one soil sample showed notable variation from the others. Soil sample CW10-1 was taken from a light colored soil layer at about 20 to 30 inches in depth on a road cut in Soil Map Unit F. The sample was taken to document properties of a calcic horizon in a soil identified as Guben. Surprisingly, the soil test results indicated an unacceptable level of selenium and a poor rating for electrical conductivity (EC). The selenium level was reported at 0.26 mg/Kg which is over 100 times higher than all 20 of the other samples (all <0.02 mg/Kg). The sample was also higher in boron, calcium, magnesium, sodium, SAR and pH than other soil samples. The sample site is at the edge of the existing road accessing the portal site. It is not anticipated that this soil would be involved in disturbance needed for portal site development. Further assessment may be required if disturbances along this section of road is proposed.

There also appears to be an error in the percent organic matter in the samples submitted by Co-op Mining Company and coded WHRS. Results show all 14 samples having about 13 to 17 percent organic matter, which is unreasonably high.

### **3.4 SOIL SUITABILITY AND SALVAGE EVALUATION**

Estimates of the amount of suitability soil material that could be salvaged for use in reclamation for each soil map unit based on the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining guidelines (Appendix A) are shown below.

| <u>SOIL MAP<br/>UNIT</u> | <u>SALVAGEABLE LAYER (INCHES)</u> |                 | <u>RESTRICTED BY</u>                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
|                          | <u>Approximate Range</u>          | <u>Averages</u> |                                      |
| A                        | 8 to 15                           | 12              | Bedrock, stones                      |
| B                        | 10 to 30                          | 15              | Stones                               |
| C                        | 0 to 20                           | 10              | Bedrock, Boulder, Stones             |
| D                        | 30 to 60                          | 40              | Bedrock, Stones                      |
| E                        | 20 to 40                          | 30              | Stones                               |
| F                        | 0 to 30                           | 10              | Rock, Poor Soil, Chemical Properties |
| G                        | 6 to 30                           | 15              | Bedrock, Stones, Boulders            |

The soils in the project area are extremely complex making it difficult to identify uniform soil layer to salvage. Approximate ranges and averages are given, but actual field operations will be dictated by practical judgement.

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**APPENDIX A**  
**SOIL SUITABILITY CRITERIA**

### Soil Suitability Criteria

UDOGM: Overburden Evaluation for Vegetative Root Zone; Table 2 (Leatherwood and Duce 1988)

| Parameters                       | Good  | Fair                   | Poor   | Unacceptable   |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|
| pH                               | 6.1 - 8.2   | 5.1 - 6.1<br>8.2 - 8.4 | 4.5 - 5.0<br>8.5 - 9.0                         | less than 4.5<br>greater than 9.0                                |
| Ec mmhos/cm 25°C                 | 0 - 2   | 2 - 8                  | 8 - 15   | greater than 15  |
| Saturation %                     | 25% - 80%   |                        | less than 25%<br>greater than 80%              |  |
| Texture                          | sl, l, sll, scl, vls, lsl   | cl, sicl, sc, ls, lfs  | sic, s, sc, c, cos, fs, vls                    | g, vcoss   |
| SAR                              | 0 - 4   | 5 - 10                 | 10 - 12 Fine Texture<br>10 - 15 Coarse Texture | 12 Fine Texture<br>15 Coarse Texture                             |
| Selenium                         | less than 0.1 mg/Kg   |                        |  | greater than 0.1 mg/Kg   |
| Boron                            | less than 5.0 mg/Kg   |                        |  | greater than 5.0 mg/Kg   |
| Acid/Base Potential              | <u>greater than -5 tons CaCO<sub>3</sub></u><br>1,000 tons material |                        |  | <u>less than -5 tons CaCO<sub>3</sub></u><br>1,000 tons material |
| % Coal fines                     | Undetermined at this time   |                        |  |  |
| Available water capacity (ln/in) | greater than 0.10   | 0.05 - 0.10            | less than 0.05                                 |  |
| Rock Fragments (% volumes)       |   |                        |  |  |
| 3 Inches                         | 0 - 15  | 15 - 25                | 25 - 30  | greater than 30  |
| 3 - 10 Inches                    | 0 - 15  | 15 - 25                | 25 - 30  | greater than 30  |
| 10 Inches                        | 0 - 3   | 3 - 7                  | 7 - 10   | greater than 10  |

**APPENDIX B**

**SOIL LABORATORY TESTING RESULTS**

**BEAR CANYON MINE**  
**WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT**

**SOIL SAMPLE I. D. EXPLANATION**

- WHRS-1** is a site in Pinion-Juniper in Soil Map Unit A. It corresponds to soil profile description CW-6. (Pathead)
- WHRS-2** is near some large ponderosa pines in Soil Map Unit D. It corresponds to soil profile description CW-5. (Doney, deep)
- WHRS-3** is along the drainage in Soil Map Unit C. It corresponds to soil profile description CW-4. (Winetti)
- WHRS-4** is on the north-facing slope near the portal site in Soil Map Unit E. It is near soil profile description CW-1.
- CW3-1** is a Doney soil in Soil Map Unit G. It is identified in soil profile description CW-3.
- CW5-1 and CW5-2** are from the same site as WHRS-2. These two samples were at greater depths than previously sampled. The site is identified by soil profile description CW-5.
- CW8-1 and CW8-2** are from a shallow soil over shale (Cabba) in Soil Map Unit A.
- CW9-1** is mixed soil from side cast material along the road in Soil Map Unit E.
- CW10-1** was taken on a road cut in Soil Map Unit F. The soil layer appeared to be a light colored calcic horizon in a Guben soil.

Intermountain Laboratories, Inc.  
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ATTN: Eric Jaquez, Soil Laboratory Supervisor

April 9, 1999

Dear Mr. Jaquez:

We are sending seven soil samples for testing as noted on the enclosed record form. These soil samples were taken from an area proposed for coal mine portal development by C.W. Mining Company at the Bear Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah. EIS is conducting a detailed soil survey and assessment for the project.

We request that the billing be made to: C.W. Mining Company, P.O. Box 1245 Huntington, Utah 84528. Estimated charges are \$130 to \$160 per sample, depending on the need to determine ESP. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dan Larsen, Soil Scientist for EIS at (435) 472-3814. Thank you for your services.

Sincerely,

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# CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

| Client/Project Name<br><b>ELS / C.W. Mining Co.</b>  |  |   | Project Location <b>Emery Co., Utah</b><br><b>Bear Canyon Mine - Wildhorse Portal</b>              |   |                                     | ANALYSES / PARAMETERS |  |      |      |  |
|--|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|------|------|--|
| Sampler (Signature)<br><i>Daniel M. Laramie</i>  |  |   | Chain of Custody Tape No.  |   |                                     | Remarks               |  |      |      |  |
| Sample No./ Identification   | Date   | Depth (Inches) Time   | Lab Number   | Matrix  | No. of Containers                   |                       |  |      |      |  |
| CW 3-1   | 4/8/98   | 0-30  |  | Soil Testing  |                                     |                       |  |      |      | ANALYZE FOR:<br>PH, EC, Sat %<br>Ca, Mg, Na, SAR,<br>MAC(S, Si, C, vhs)<br>Ca CO <sub>3</sub> , Boron,<br>Se. LAB-DTPA, TOC,<br>ZOM, ESPECIF SAR<br>215 for sandy soils or<br>212 for clays, 1/3 bar<br>and 15 bar water |
| CW 5-1   | 4/8/99   | 36-50   |  |   |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
| CW 5-2   | 4/8/99   | 50-70   |  |   |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
| CW 8-1   | 4/8/99   | 0-6   |  |   |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
| CW 8-2   | 4/8/99   | 6-12  |  |   |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
| CW 9-1   | 4/8/99   | 5-30  |  |   |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
| CW 10-1  | 4/8/99   | 20-30   |  |   |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
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| <i>[Signature]</i>   |  |   | 4/8/99   | 1200  |                                     |                       |  |      |      |  |
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May 5, 1999

Mr. Dan Larsen  
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Dear Mr. Larsen:

Enclosed are the results of the analyses performed on the soil samples received by IML on April 13, 1999. The samples were labeled Bear Canyon Mine – Wildhorse Portal, and correspond to IML lab numbers 0399S01926 - 32. The requested analyses for each were pH, electrical conductivity, saturation percentage, sodium absorption ratio, mechanical analysis (including analysis of very fine sand), % calcium carbonate, soluble boron, selenium (AB-DTPA), total organic carbon, % organic matter, 1/3 bar water, 15 bar water, and exchangeable sodium percentage for sample with an SAR >15 for sandy soils or >12 for clays.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-828-1409.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Jaquez", is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Eric J Jaquez  
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enclosure: analytical report



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IML Project #0399S01926

Date Received: 04/13/99

Bear Canyon Mine - Wildhorse Portal

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| Lab Id     | Sample Id | Depths<br>Inch | pH   | EC       | Saturation | Ca    | Mg    | Na    | SAR | Sand | Silt | Clay | Texture<br>USDA | Very Fine<br>Sand |
|------------|-----------|----------------|------|----------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------|-------------------|
|            |           |                | s.u. | mmhos/cm | %          | meq/L | meq/L | meq/L |     | %    | %    | %    |                 | %                 |
| 0399S01926 | CW 3-1    | 0 - 30         | 7.8  | 0.64     | 35         | 2.8   | 4.1   | 1.2   | 0.7 | 53   | 31   | 16   | SL              | 15                |
| 0399S01927 | CW 5-1    | 36 - 50        | 7.6  | 0.37     | 32         | 2.4   | 1.6   | 0.43  | 0.3 | 53   | 35   | 12   | SL              | 26                |
| 0399S01928 | CW 5-2    | 50 - 70        | 7.8  | 0.40     | 30         | 1.9   | 2.7   | 0.63  | 0.4 | 51   | 37   | 12   | L               | 25                |
| 0399S01929 | CW 8-1    | 0 - 6          | 7.5  | 0.37     | 42         | 3.2   | 0.84  | 0.51  | 0.4 | 25   | 51   | 24   | SIL             | 17                |
| 0399S01930 | CW 8-2    | 6 - 12         | 7.6  | 0.33     | 48         | 2.2   | 1.0   | 0.44  | 0.3 | 21   | 55   | 24   | SIL             | 16                |
| 0399S01931 | CW 9-1    | 5 - 30         | 7.4  | 0.63     | 37         | 5.3   | 2.7   | 0.80  | 0.4 | 61   | 25   | 14   | SL              | 14                |
| 0399S01932 | CW 10-1   | 20 - 30        | 8.3  | 10.2     | 38         | 7.5   | 160   | 35    | 3.7 | 43   | 35   | 22   | L               | 17                |



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| Lab Id     | Sample Id | Depths<br>Inch | Boron<br>Soluble<br>mg/Kg | Selenium<br>AB_DTPA<br>mg/Kg | CaCO3<br>% | TOC<br>% | Organic<br>Matter<br>% | 1/3 Bar<br>Water<br>% | 15 Bar<br>Water<br>% |
|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 0399S01926 | CW 3-1    | 0 - 30         | 1.6                       | <0.02                        | 15.9       | 0.95     | 1.6                    | 16                    | 9                    |
| 0399S01927 | CW 5-1    | 36 - 50        | 0.5                       | <0.02                        | 18.0       | 0.46     | 0.79                   | 12                    | 6                    |
| 0399S01928 | CW 5-2    | 50 - 70        | 0.6                       | <0.02                        | 19.2       | 0.32     | 0.55                   | 13                    | 6                    |
| 0399S01929 | CW 8-1    | 0 - 6          | 0.9                       | <0.02                        | 19.6       | 0.76     | 1.3                    | 16                    | 10                   |
| 0399S01930 | CW 8-2    | 6 - 12         | 0.6                       | <0.02                        | 17.6       | 0.54     | 0.93                   | 17                    | 11                   |
| 0399S01931 | CW 9-1    | 5 - 30         | 1.0                       | <0.02                        | 26.4       | 1.5      | 2.6                    | 18                    | 8                    |
| 0399S01932 | CW 10-1   | 20 - 30        | 2.5                       | 0.26                         | 28.3       | 0.64     | 1.1                    | 18                    | 7                    |



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| Lab Id      | Sample Id | Depths<br>Inch | pH   | EC       | Saturation | Ca    | Mg    | Na    | SAR | Sand | Silt | Clay | Texture<br>USDA | Very Fine<br>Sand |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|------|----------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-----------------|-------------------|
|             |           |                | s.u. | mmhos/cm | %          | meq/L | meq/L | meq/L |     | %    | %    | %    |                 | %                 |
| 0399S01931  | CW 9-1    | 5 - 30         | 7.4  | 0.63     | 37         | 5.3   | 2.7   | 0.80  | 0.4 | 61   | 25   | 14   | SL              | 14                |
| 0399S01931D | CW 9-1    | 5 - 30         | 7.4  | 0.64     | 37         | 5.2   | 2.7   | 0.78  | 0.4 | 61   | 25   | 14   | SL              | 14                |





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| Lab Id      | Sample Id | Depths<br>Inch | Boron<br>Soluble<br>mg/Kg | Selenium<br>AB_DTPA<br>mg/Kg | CaCO3<br>% | TOC<br>% | Organic<br>Matter<br>% | 1/3 Bar<br>Water<br>% | 15 Bar<br>Water<br>% |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 0399S01931  | CW 9-1    | 5 - 30         | 1.0                       | <0.02                        | 26.4       | 1.5      | 2.6                    | 18                    | 8                    |
| 0399S01931D | CW 9-1    | 5 - 30         | 1.0                       | <0.02                        | 25.8       | 1.6      | 2.7                    | 17                    | 8                    |

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| Lab No. | Location | Depth<br>inches | pH  | EC<br>mhos/cm<br>@ 25°C | Satur-<br>ation<br>% | Calcium<br>mg/l | Magnesium<br>mg/l | Sodium<br>mg/l | SAR  | Coarse<br>Fragments<br>% | Sand<br>% | Silt<br>% | Clay<br>% | Texture         |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 49139   | WHR5-1   | 0.0-6.0         | 7.0 | 0.88                    | 45.7                 | 3.13            | 1.18              | 0.35           | 0.15 | 20.6                     | 50.0      | 27.0      | 23.0      | SANDY CLAY LOAM |
| 49140   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 7.1 | 0.75                    | 42.5                 | 3.12            | 1.87              | 0.42           | 0.21 | 33.3                     | 42.0      | 33.0      | 25.0      | LOAM            |
| 49141   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 7.1 | 0.69                    | 34.7                 | 5.30            | 1.65              | 0.46           | 0.22 | 35.9                     | 46.0      | 29.0      | 25.0      | LOAM            |
| 49142   | WHR5-2   | 0.0-6.0         | 6.9 | 0.72                    | 33.6                 | 3.80            | 1.53              | 0.39           | 0.15 | 18.2                     | 49.0      | 28.0      | 13.0      | LOAM            |
| 49143   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 7.0 | 1.07                    | 37.4                 | 9.11            | 2.59              | 0.38           | 0.15 | 21.4                     | 46.0      | 39.0      | 15.0      | LOAM            |
| 49144   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 7.2 | 0.79                    | 31.4                 | 6.37            | 2.26              | 0.41           | 0.20 | 34.3                     | 50.0      | 33.0      | 17.0      | LOAM            |
| 49145   |          | 24.0-36.0       | 7.1 | 0.53                    | 30.9                 | 3.72            | 1.67              | 0.38           | 0.23 | 33.6                     | 46.0      | 39.0      | 15.0      | LOAM            |
| 49146   | WHR5-3   | 0.0-6.0         | 6.7 | 1.13                    | 34.9                 | 9.97            | 3.04              | 0.45           | 0.18 | 68.5                     | 64.0      | 21.0      | 15.0      | SANDY LOAM      |
| 49148   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 7.3 | 0.62                    | 34.0                 | 4.83            | 2.24              | 0.39           | 0.21 | 52.3                     | 56.0      | 25.0      | 19.0      | SANDY LOAM      |
| 49149   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 7.0 | 1.14                    | 49.0                 | 8.08            | 6.74              | 0.55           | 0.20 | 17.9                     | 52.0      | 29.0      | 19.0      | SANDY LOAM      |
| 49150   |          | 24.0-36.0       | 7.2 | 1.26                    | 44.6                 | 9.59            | 7.93              | 0.86           | 0.29 | 8.0                      | 54.0      | 25.0      | 21.0      | SANDY CLAY LOAM |
| 49151   | WHR5-4   | 0.0-6.0         | 7.2 | 0.65                    | 34.3                 | 5.20            | 2.39              | 0.32           | 0.16 | 85.2                     | 54.0      | 27.0      | 19.0      | SANDY LOAM      |
| 49152   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 6.7 | 1.31                    | 35.4                 | 11.5            | 4.41              | 0.53           | 0.19 | 56.5                     | 66.0      | 19.0      | 15.0      | SANDY LOAM      |
| 49153   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 7.5 | 0.63                    | 30.7                 | 3.88            | 3.31              | 0.58           | 0.31 | 48.6                     | 55.0      | 26.0      | 19.0      | SANDY LOAM      |

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| Lab No. | Location | Depth<br>inches | Organic<br>Matter<br>% | Total<br>Sulfur<br>% | T.S.<br>AB<br>t/1000u | Neut.<br>Pot.<br>t/1000u | Sulfate<br>Sulfur<br>% | Pyritic<br>Sulfur<br>% | Organic<br>Sulfur<br>% | PyrS<br>AB<br>t/1000u | PyrS<br>ABP<br>t/1000u |
|---------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 49139   | WHRS-1   | 0.0-6.0         | 15.0                   | -0.01                | 0.05                  | 159.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49140   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 15.0                   | -0.01                | 0.05                  | 174.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49141   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 14.0                   | -0.01                | 0.05                  | 199.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49142   | WHRS-2   | 0.0-6.0         | 14.0                   | -0.01                | 0.07                  | 196.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49143   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 13.5                   | -0.01                | 0.07                  | 184.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49144   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 17.0                   | 0.01                 | 0.46                  | 85.7                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49145   |          | 24.0-36.0       | 12.0                   | -0.01                | 0.05                  | 77.5                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49146   | WHRS-3   | 0.0-6.0         | 15.2                   | 0.02                 | 0.34                  | 135.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49148   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 13.2                   | -0.01                | 0.09                  | 125.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49149   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 15.0                   | 0.02                 | 0.49                  | 58.8                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49150   |          | 24.0-36.0       | 13.0                   | 0.02                 | 0.49                  | 47.5                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49151   | WHRS-4   | 0.0-6.0         | 13.2                   | -0.01                | 0.03                  | 113.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49152   |          | 6.0-12.0        | 15.0                   | -0.01                | 0.04                  | 127.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |
| 49153   |          | 12.0-24.0       | 13.7                   | -0.01                | 0.08                  | 125.                     |                        |                        |                        |                       |                        |

Abbreviations used in acid base accounting: T.S.= Total Sulfur, AB= Acid Base, ABP= Acid Base Potential, PyrS= Pyritic Sulfur, Pyr+Org= Pyritic Sulfur + Organic Sulfur,  
Neut. Pot.= Neutralization Potential



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LOCATION: Bear Canyon Mine

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| Lab No. | Location | Depth<br>inches | Nitrate-<br>Nitrogen<br>ppm | Boron<br>ppm | Bulk<br>Density | Total<br>Kjeldahl<br>Nitrogen | 1/3 bar | 15 bar | H <sub>2</sub> O Sol<br>Selenium<br>ppm |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| 49139   | WHRS-1   | 0.0-6.0         | <0.01                       | 9.42         | 1.72            | 0.19                          | 23.4    | 14.0   | <0.02                                   |
| 49140   | "        | 6.0-12.0        | <0.01                       | 9.32         | 2.10            | 0.14                          | 22.4    | 12.0   | <0.02                                   |
| 49141   | "        | 12.0-24.0       | <0.01                       | 9.27         | 2.23            | 0.11                          | 20.0    | 7.4    | <0.02                                   |
| 49142   | WHRS-2   | 0.0-6.0         | <0.01                       | 9.25         | 1.70            | 0.16                          | 16.4    | 5.2    | <0.02                                   |
| 49143   | "        | 6.0-12.0        | <0.01                       | 9.34         | 1.50            | 0.18                          | 13.0    | 7.0    | <0.02                                   |
| 49144   | "        | 12.0-24.0       | <0.01                       | 9.19         | 2.10            | 0.08                          | 17.0    | 5.0    | <0.02                                   |
| 49145   | "        | 24.0-36.0       | <0.01                       | 9.23         | 1.50            | 0.09                          | 19.0    | 5.0    | <0.02                                   |
| 49146   | WHRS-3   | 0.0-6.0         | <0.01                       | 9.51         | 2.00            | 0.14                          | 16.0    | 8.0    | <0.02                                   |
| 49147   | "        | 6.0-12.0        | <0.01                       | 9.29         | 2.20            | 0.10                          | 13.1    | 7.2    | <0.02                                   |
| 49148   | "        | 12.0-24.0       | <0.01                       | 9.65         | 1.40            | 0.22                          | 27.0    | 14.4   | <0.02                                   |
| 49149   | "        | 24.0-36.0       | <0.01                       | 9.63         | 1.30            | 0.25                          | 24.4    | 12.4   | <0.02                                   |
| 49150   | WHRS-4   | 0.0-6.0         | <0.01                       | 9.39         | 1.80            | 0.09                          | 17.5    | 8.5    | <0.02                                   |
| 49152   | "        | 6.0-12.0        | <0.01                       | 9.49         | 1.70            | 0.12                          | 19.0    | 8.8    | <0.02                                   |
| 49153   | "        | 12.0-24.0       | <0.01                       | 9.41         | 2.50            | 0.07                          | 20.7    | 6.4    | <0.02                                   |

## **APPENDIX C**

### **FIELD SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTIONS AND TRANSECT DATA**



## SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTIONS FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Soil Series, and Soil Classification according to current NRCS information. Soil classification based on Keys to Soil Taxonomy, 7th edition (Soil Survey Staff 1996).

<sup>2</sup> Horizon and Depth based on site-specific conditions at the sample location.

<sup>3</sup> Texture and texture modifier abbreviations:

|     |            |      |                 |     |                    |     |                   |
|-----|------------|------|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------------------|
| S   | Sand       | SCL  | Sandy Clay Loam | CB  | Cobbly             | GR  | Gravely           |
| LS  | Loamy Sand | CL   | Clay Loam       | CBV | Very Cobbly        | GRV | Very Gravely      |
| SL  | Sandy Loam | SICL | Silty Clay Loam | CBX | Extremely Cobbly   | GRX | Extremely Gravely |
| L   | Loam       | SIC  | Silty Clay      | CN  | Channery           | SH  | Shaley            |
| SIL | Silt Loam  | C    | Clay            | CNV | Very Channery      | SR  | Stratified        |
| SI  | Silt       |      |                 | CNX | Extremely Channery |     |                   |

<sup>4</sup> Color, Dry and Moist Munsell Soil Color Chart, 1994 Edition.

| <u>Structure:</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Size</u>     | <u>Type</u>              |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                   | W Weak       | VF Very Fine    | PL Platy                 |
|                   | M Moderate   | F Fine          | GR Granular              |
|                   | S Strong     | M Medium        | SBK Subangular Blocky    |
|                   |              | CO Coarse       | ABK Angular Blocky       |
|                   |              | VCO Very Coarse | PR Prismatic             |
|                   |              |                 | W Massive Weak Massive   |
|                   |              |                 | Massive                  |
|                   |              |                 | S Massive Strong Massive |
|                   |              |                 | SG Single Grained        |
|                   |              |                 | Cloddy                   |

| <u>Consistency:</u> | <u>Dry</u>        | <u>Moist</u>       | <u>Wet</u>          |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                     | LO Loose          | LO Loose           | NS Non Sticky       |
|                     | SO Soft           | VFR Very Friable   | SS Slightly Sticky  |
|                     | SH Slightly Hard  | FR Friable         | S Sticky            |
|                     | H Hard            | FI Firm            | VS Very Sticky      |
|                     | VH Very Hard      | VFI Very Firm      | NP Non Plastic      |
|                     | EH Extremely Hard | EFI Extremely Firm | SP Slightly Plastic |
|                     |                   |                    | P Plastic           |
|                     |                   |                    | VP Very Plastic     |

| <u>Roots:</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Type</u>  |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|               | Very Few      | VF Very Fine |
|               | Few           | F Fine       |
|               | Com (Common)  | M Medium     |
|               | Many          | CO Coarse    |

Roots are described in terms of a specified size (type) and quantity (number). The size classes are:

Very Fine: Less than 1 mm in diameter

Fine: 1 to 2 mm in diameter

Medium: 2 to 5 mm in diameter

Coarse: 5 mm or larger in diameter

Roots larger than 10 mm in diameter may be described separately.

Quantity classes of roots are defined in terms of numbers of each size per unit area—1 square centimeter for very fine and fine roots, and 1 square decimeter for medium and coarse roots. All roots smaller than 10 mm in diameter are described in terms of the following quantity classes:

Few: Less than 1 per unit area of the specified size

Common: 1 to 5 per unit area of the specified size

Many: More than 5 per unit area of the specified size

Roots are described as to number first, and type second.

<sup>8</sup> Rock Fragments: All rock fragment percentages (% by volume) are taken from the field soil profile descriptions. Geologic modifier types (gravelly, channery, etc.) are also taken from the field soil profile description forms for each sampled profile.

| <u>Reaction:</u> | <u>Effervescence</u>       | <u>Reaction</u>  | <u>pH</u>              |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
|                  |                            | Str. Acid        | Strongly Acid          |
|                  |                            | Mod. Acid        | Moderately Acid        |
|                  |                            | Sl. Acid         | Slightly Acid          |
|                  |                            | Neutral          | Neutral                |
|                  |                            | Mild. Alk.       | Mildly Alkaline        |
|                  |                            | Mod. Alk.        | Moderately Alkaline    |
|                  |                            | Strong Alk.      | Strongly Alkaline      |
|                  |                            | Very Strong Alk. | Very Strongly Alkaline |
|                  |                            |                  |                        |
|                  | EO Non-Effervescent        |                  | 5.1 - 5.5              |
|                  | SE Slightly Effervescent   |                  | 5.6 - 6.0              |
|                  | EM Moderately Effervescent |                  | 6.1 - 6.5              |
|                  | ES Strongly Effervescent   |                  | 6.6 - 7.3              |
|                  | EV Violently Effervescent  |                  | 7.4 - 7.8              |
|                  |                            |                  | 7.9 - 8.4              |
|                  |                            |                  | 8.5 - 9.0              |
|                  |                            |                  | >9.0                   |

| <u>Horizon Boundaries:</u> | <u>Distinctness</u>          | <u>Topography</u>   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                            | A Abrupt (<2 cm thick)       | S Smooth (the boundary is a plane with few or no irregularities)  |
|                            | C Clear (2 to 5 cm thick)    | W Wavy (the boundary has undulations in which depressions are wider than they are deep)                                       |
|                            | G Gradual (5 to 15 cm thick) | I Irregular (the boundary has pockets that are deeper than they are wide)   |
|                            | D Diffuse (>15 cm thick)     | B Broken (at least one of the horizons or layers separated by the boundary is discontinuous and the boundary is interrupted). |

Soil type Disturbed site slope side cast over Guban - lime soil File No. CW-1

|      |  |      |        |                      |          |   |
|------|--|------|--------|----------------------|----------|---|
| Area | 524, T16S, R7E<br>Emery Co., UT<br>Wildhorse Ridge Partial Proj. | Date | 4-1-99 | D. Barker<br>C. Galt | Stop No. | 1 |
|------|--|------|--------|----------------------|----------|---|

Classification Loamy-skeletal, mixed, frigid Typic Ustorthent (disturbed soil)

Location Near portal site, fill slope (side cut) below road clearing, east side of canyon

N. veg. (or crop) Douglas-fir, curled mountain mahogany Climate Usic, Frigid

Parent material Sandstone and shale

|              |                    |                       |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Physiography | Steep Canyon slope |                       |
| Relief       | High               | Drainage Well drained |
|              |                    | Salt or alkali        |

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Stoniness | Stony  |
| Gr. water |        |
| Elevation | 319 ft |

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Elevation | 1660 feet                |
| Slope     | 90%                      |
| Moisture  | Profile moist throughout |

|        |    |               |                  |         |    |
|--------|----|---------------|------------------|---------|----|
| Aspect | NW | Root distrib. | Well distributed | % Clay* | 25 |
|--------|----|---------------|------------------|---------|----|

|                       |                                     |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Erosion <i>Slight</i> | % Coarse fragments * <i>40 - 50</i> | % Coarser than V.F.S. * |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|

Permeability *Med.*

| Additional notes | GROUND COVER (%) | RANGE | AVERAGE |
|------------------|------------------|-------|---------|
|------------------|------------------|-------|---------|

| Site of Co-op Mine Soil Sampling 8/21/96 |                              | Gravel 2MM-3" | Cobble 3-10" | Stone 10-24" |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| WHAS-1                                   | Lab. No. 49139, 49140, 49141 |               |              |              |
|  | 0-6" 6-12" 12-24"            |               |              |              |

|  |               |    |
|--|---------------|----|
| Extremely bouldery at toe of slope below | Boulder > 24" | 17 |
|  | Vegetation    | 0  |

|  |                               |    |
|--|-------------------------------|----|
| Fill material over on 1-5/8 Caliber roll | vegetation: Good grass reveg. | 20 |
|  | Litter                        | 21 |

like Guben or 2 Calc. Ustehrent

\* Control section average

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## SOIL DESCRIPTION

Soil type PatheadFile No. CW12

Area Co-op Mine, Wildhorse Ridge Portal Proj. Emery Co., UT Date 4/1/99 D. LARSEN Stop No. 2  
 Classification Loamy-skeletal, mixed, frigid Typic Ustochent  
 Location Near portal site on S. facing slope 524, T16S, R7E  
 N. veg. (or crop) Pinyon-juniper, service berry, Salina Wildlife Climate Frigid, Ustic  
 Parent material Sandstone and shale + colluvium  
 Physiography Canyon side slope, near Tee  
 Relief V. steep, single Drainage Well drained Salt or alkali —  
 Elevation 7640 Gr. water — Stoniness V. stony  
 Slope 60° 75° ± 65° Moisture Profile moist throughout  
 Aspect SSE Root distrib. Well distributed % Clay \* 20  
 Erosion Mod. to severe, soil creep % Coarse fragments \* 50 % Coarser than V.F.S. \* —  
 Permeability Mod.  
 Additional notes

The upper 24" is primarily soil from  
 sandstone colluvium. At 24 inches to 36  
 inches is a stony zone. 36" may be  
 bedrock or a large stone. Bed rock surfaces  
 about 20 feet down slope and at about 50 feet  
 up slope. Lithic soils cover about 5 to 10  
 percent of the unit.

| GROUND COVER (%) | RANGE | AVERAGE |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Gravel 2MM-3"    |       | 10      |
| Cobble 3-10"     |       | 20      |
| Stone 10-24"     |       | 25      |
| Boulder >24"     |       | 15      |
| Vegetation       |       | 5       |
| Litter           |       | 5       |
| Bare             |       | 20      |

\* Control section average phand Red

| Horizon | Depth<br>inches | Color     |                | Texture | Structure           | Consistence |       |          | pH<br>Reac-<br>tion | Bound-<br>ary | %<br>Rock<br>Frag-<br>ments | Root<br>Dist-<br>ribution |  |  |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|-------|----------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|         |                 | Dry       | Moist          |         |                     | Dry         | Moist | Wet      |                     |               |                             |                           |  |  |
| A1      | 0-4             | 10YR 6/2  | 10YR 4/2       | Loam    | WFCR                | LO-<br>SO   | VFR   | SS<br>SP | 8.0<br>ES           | CL            | 30G<br>15C<br>15S           | MF                        |  |  |
| BW1     | 4-12            | 7.5YR 6/4 | 7.5YR 4/4      | Loam    | WFCR                | SO          | VFA   | SS<br>SP | 8.0<br>ES           | GW            | 25G<br>10C<br>15S           | CFM                       |  |  |
| BWR     | 12-24           |           | 10YR 4/2 - 4/3 | Loam    | WMSBK               | SH          | FR    | SS<br>SP | 8.0<br>ES           | CW            | 25G<br>10C<br>15S           | CFM                       |  |  |
| 2C      | 24-36           |           | 10YR 4/1       | CL      | WFSBK<br>+<br>HTNPL | SH          | FI    | S<br>P   | 8.0<br>ES           |               | 15G<br>10C                  | CF<br>FM                  |  |  |
| R       | 36+             | Sandstone |                |         |                     |             |       |          |                     |               | R                           |                           |  |  |

\* The slightly redder color appears to be  
 related to parent material rather than pedogenic

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File No. CW-4

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## SOIL DESCRIPTION

Soil type <sup>Similar to</sup> Doney only deeper and very close to coarse loam File No. CW-5

|      |   |      |                                |          |   |
|------|---|------|--------------------------------|----------|---|
| Area | Emerg. Co., Utah<br>COOP Mine Wildhorse Bridge Parted Proj. | Date | 4/2/99<br>D. LARSEN<br>C. EAST | Stop No. | 5 |
|------|---|------|--------------------------------|----------|---|

Classification Fine-loamy, mixed (calcareous), frigid Typic Ustorthent or Ustocherent

|          |                              |         |                |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Location | Proposed T-rail storage site | Climate | S24, T16S, R7E |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|----------------|

|                   |   |         |               |
|-------------------|---|---------|---------------|
| N. veg. (or crop) | Pandora pine, Juniper, (few) sage brush, Salina willows | Climate | Frigid, Ustic |
|-------------------|---|---------|---------------|

Parent material Colluvium from sandstone and shale (or slope wash; local alluvium)

|               |  |                |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| Physiography. | Slight bench, Toe slope near canyon bottom |                |
| Relief.       | Drainage                                   | Salt or alkali |

|                          |                              |                      |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Relief <i>Mod. steep</i> | Drainage <i>Well drained</i> | <i>soft of small</i> |
| Elevation <i>731m</i>    | Gr. water                    | Stoniness            |

|                |                                    |            |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Elevation 7240 | Gr. water —                        | Swampiness |
| Slope 35-30%   | Moisture Moist. throughout profile |            |

|        |        |               |                              |
|--------|--------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Slope  | 25-30% | Moisture      | Moist. Thruska. pr. 1.16     |
| Aspect | S. 21  | Root distrib. | all distributed to 60 inches |
|        |        | % Clay*       | 17                           |

|         |        |                      |                              |                         |     |                  |
|---------|--------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|------------------|
| Aspect  | South  | Root distrib.        | Well distrib. 0 to 60 inches | W. side                 | 1.7 | and coarse. 100% |
| Erosion | modest | % Coarse fragments * |                              | % Coarser than V.F.S. * |     | break            |

Erosion *Moderate*      No Coarse fragments      No Coarse fragments

Permeability *Moderate*      Log No. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional notes (see Mine Soil Sample site WHRS-2. (1596 (49142, 49143, 49144, 49145))

| GROUND COVER (%)                         | RANGE | AVERAGE |
|--|-------|---------|
| Three large ponderosa pine trees 2 1/2-3 |       |         |

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Gravel 2MM-3" | 15 |
| Cobble 3-10"  | 10 |

|                                      |              |    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----|
| Several old gullies that are healing | Cable 3-10"  | 10 |
|                                      | Stone 10-24" | 5  |

|              |  |  |   |
|--------------|--|--|---|
| Stone 10-24  |  |  | 5 |
| Boulder >24" |  |  | 2 |

|                  |            |   |
|------------------|------------|---|
| Upper 4" of soil | Vegetation | 6 |
|------------------|------------|---|

|           |                             |    |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----|
| is frozen | Litter Pine needles + grass | 60 |
|           |                             | 3  |

|          |                              |      |  |   |
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| Dr. Page | Light snow, 30°<br>air temp. | Bare |  | 2 |
|----------|------------------------------|------|--|---|

Sampled to a greater depth than previous sampling by Co-op mine, 96

|   |            |  |  |                         |  |   |  |
|---|------------|--|--|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| Deepest soil, least stony bench noted in area |            |  |  | Culvert section average |  |   |  |
|   | Munsall 54 |  |  | Phenol                  |  | 2 |  |

| GROUND COVER (%)            | RANGE | AVERAGE |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|
| Gravel 2MM-3"               |       | 15      |
| Cobble 3-10"                |       | 10      |
| Stone 10-24"                |       | 5       |
| Boulder >24"                |       | 2       |
| Vegetation                  |       | 6       |
| Litter Pine needles & grass |       | 100     |
| Bar                         |       | 2       |

|       |             |       |        |      |      |
|-------|-------------|-------|--------|------|------|
| Color | Consistence | Reac- | Bound- | Rock | Root |
|-------|-------------|-------|--------|------|------|

| Horizon | Depth<br>inches | Dry           | Moist                       | Texture     | Structure | Dry | Moist | Wet      | Moist-<br>tion | Secund-<br>ary | How<br>Frag-<br>ments | How<br>Dist-<br>ributed |  |  |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----|-------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| A       | 0-6             | Grayish Brown | Dark grayish brown          | FSL-<br>L   | WFGR      | SO  | VFR   | SS<br>SP | 7-8<br>ES      | GW             | 5G<br>5C              | MF<br>CM                |  |  |
| AC1     | 6-20            |               | Brown                       | FSL-<br>L   | WFSBK     | SO  | FR    | SS<br>SP | 7-8<br>ES      | DW             | 10G<br>5C             | CFM                     |  |  |
| AC2     | 20-50           |               | Brown                       | FSL         | WFSBK     | SH  | FR    | SS<br>SP | 8.0<br>ES      | GW             | 5G<br>2C              | CFM                     |  |  |
| C1      | 50-60           |               | Yellowish Brown<br>To Brown | FSL         | OM        | SH  | FR    | NS<br>NP | 8.0<br>ES      | CW             | 10G<br>5C             | CFM                     |  |  |
| C2      | 60-73           |               | Yellowish Brown             | FSL-<br>LFS | OM        | SH  | VFR   | NS<br>NP | 8.0<br>ES      |                | 15G<br>10C            | FFM                     |  |  |

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File No. CW-6

Emery Co., UT

Stop No. <sup>(2)</sup> 6

Climate UStic, frigid

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## SOIL DESCRIPTION

SCS-SOILS-232G  
REV. 12-70  
FILE CODE SOILS-11Soil type *Guben*File No. *CM-7*

|   |  |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |
|---|--|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Area <i>Co-op Mine, Wildhorse Ridge Portal Proj.</i>                            |  | <i>EMERY CO. UT</i> | Date <i>4/2/99</i>                    | <i>D. LARSEN</i><br><i>C. EAST</i> | Stop No. <i>7</i>       |
| Classification <i>Loamy-skeletal, mixed Typic Calciboroll</i>                   |  |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |
| Location <i>Road cut above the portal site</i>                                  |  |                     | <i>S24, T16S, R7E</i>                 |                                    |                         |
| N. veg. (or crop) <i>Douglas-fir, curlyleaf mt. mahogany, piñon, S. wildrye</i> |  |                     | Climate <i>Frigid, Ustic</i>          |                                    |                         |
| Parent material <i>Colluvium from sandstone and shale</i>                       |  |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |
| Physiography <i>Canyon side slope</i>   |  |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |
| Relief <i>Very steep</i>  | Drainage <i>Well drained</i>                   |                     | Salt or alkali                        |                                    |                         |
| Elevation <i>7700 feet</i>  | Gr. water                                      |                     | Stoniness <i>V. stony</i>             |                                    |                         |
| Slope <i>60%</i>  | Moisture                                       |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |
| Aspect <i>NW</i>  | Root distrib. <i>Concentrated in upper 12"</i> |                     | % Clay * <i>20</i>                    |                                    |                         |
| Erosion <i>Slight</i>   | % Coarse fragments * <i>45</i>                 |                     | <i>Less below, but not restricted</i> |                                    | % Coarser than V.F.S. * |
| Permeability <i>Moderate</i>  |  |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |
| Additional notes <i>Snow storm, windy ~ 30 mph</i>                              |  |                     |                                       |                                    |                         |

| GROUND COVER (%) | RANGE | AVERAGE |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Gravel 2mm-3"    |       |         |
| Cobble 3-10"     |       |         |
| Stone 10-24"     |       |         |
| Boulder >24"     |       |         |
| Vegetation       |       |         |
| Litter           |       |         |
| Bare             |       |         |

\* Control section average

| Horizon    | Depth        | Color   |   | Texture     | Structure                    | Consistence      |                        |                        | Reaction  | Bound-ary  | % Rock Frag-ments                                    | Root Dis-tribution |  |  |
|------------|--------------|---|---|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--|--------------------|--|--|
|            |              | Dry   | Moist   |             |                              | Dry              | Moist                  | Wet                    |           |            |  |                    |  |  |
| <i>A</i>   | <i>0-12</i>  | <i>Grayish Brown</i><br><i>10YR 5/2</i>                                   | <i>V. Dark grayish brown</i><br><i>10YR 3 1/2 - 4 1/2</i> | <i>Loam</i> | <i>MFGR</i>                  | <i>SO</i>        | <i>VFR</i>             | <i>SS</i><br><i>SP</i> | <i>es</i> | <i>clw</i> | <i>15G</i><br><i>15C</i><br><i>15S</i>               | <i>MVFR</i>        |  |  |
| <i>BK1</i> | <i>12-20</i> |   | <i>Brown</i><br><i>10YR 4 1/3</i>                         | <i>Loam</i> | <i>WFSBK</i>                 | <i>SH</i>        | <i>VFR</i>             | <i>SS</i><br><i>SP</i> | <i>ev</i> | <i>qw</i>  | <i>15G</i><br><i>15C</i><br><i>15S</i>               | <i>CFM</i>         |  |  |
| <i>BK2</i> | <i>20-40</i> | <i>Light grayish br.</i><br><i>To light gray</i><br><i>10YR 6 1/2 - 7</i> | <i>Grayish brown</i><br><i>10YR 5 1/2 - 5 1/3</i>         | <i>Loam</i> | <i>WFSBK</i><br><i>to OM</i> | <i>SH</i>        | <i>FR</i><br><i>F1</i> | <i>SS</i><br><i>SP</i> | <i>ev</i> | <i>qw</i>  | <i>15G</i><br><i>15C</i><br><i>15S</i>               | <i>PFM</i>         |  |  |
| <i>BC</i>  | <i>40-54</i> |   | <i>Brown</i><br><i>10YR 4 1/3</i>                         | <i>Loam</i> | <i>OM</i>                    | <i>SH</i>        | <i>F1</i>              | <i>SS</i><br><i>SP</i> | <i>es</i> | <i>qw</i>  | <i>15G</i><br><i>15C</i><br><i>15S</i>               | <i>FF</i>          |  |  |
| <i>C</i>   | <i>54+</i>   | <i>V. stony + bouldery colluvium</i>                                      |   |             | <i>Bedrock</i>               | <i>not noted</i> |                        |                        |           |            | <i>20G</i><br><i>20C</i><br><i>20S</i><br><i>10B</i> |                    |  |  |

Soil type *Cabba*

File No. *CW-8*

Area Wild Horse Ridge Partial Project

Date 4/7/99 *D. L. Bersam*

Stop No. 8

Classification *Loamy, mixed (calcareous), frigid, shallow Typic Ustertchert*

Location Lower end of proposed conveyor, near Topsoil storage site S24, T16S R1E

N. veg. (or crop) *P. juniper*

Climate *Usua / Frigid*

Parent material *Thin cellulium over shade*

Physiography. FootHills Tree slope

Relief stead

Drainage well drained

Salt or alkali

Elevation 7260

Gr. water

## Stoniness

Slope 40%

Moisture Profile is moist

Aspect NE

Root distrib.

% Clay \*

Erosion ☒

% Coarse fragments \*

| % Coarser than V.F.S. * |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| 100                     | 100 |
| 90                      | 90  |
| 80                      | 80  |
| 70                      | 70  |
| 60                      | 60  |
| 50                      | 50  |
| 40                      | 40  |
| 30                      | 30  |
| 20                      | 20  |
| 10                      | 10  |
| 0                       | 0   |

Permeability 5/40

Additional notes *WFS - T 1 - 4*

Surface is cobbly but soil is shallow  
over shale

Sampled for Lab. analysis

| GROUND COVER (%) | RANGE | AVERAGE |
|------------------|-------|---------|
| Gravel 2MM-3"    |       | 25      |
| Cobble 3-10"     |       | 15      |
| Stone 10-24"     |       | 5       |
| Boulder >24"     |       | 5       |
| Vegetation       |       | 5       |
| Litter           |       | 15      |
| Bare             |       | 30      |

\* Control section average

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## SOIL TRANSECT DATA SHEET - Notes

Page No. 1

Co-op Mine T1 S24, T16S, R7E  
 County Emery Soil Mapping Unit Pathhead-Cabba Twp. T16S, R7E  
 Transect No. T1 Direction W to E Boring Interval 2 100' Length  
 Starting Location West end of conveyor corridor  
 Date 4/2/99 Photo By D. Larsen  
 Remarks

T1-1 & 2 are between profiles CM-6 on top of P-d hill  
 and the present road, T1-3 & 4 are between CM-6 and CM-5  
 Profile No. T1-1 Top soil stony

|                              |                 |   |              |                |                  |                     |                     |               |    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|----|
| Percent Slope 50             |                 | Aspect West                                   |              |                | Erosion          |                     |                     |               |    |
| Position on Slope Side slope |                 |   |              |                |                  |                     |                     |               |    |
| Horizon                      | Depth<br>Inches | Color   | Tex-<br>ture | Struc-<br>ture | Consis-<br>tence | <del>Moisture</del> | Frag-<br>ments      | Clay<br>Films | pH |
| A1                           | 0-5             | 10YA 3/4                                      | sl           | WFGA           |                  | 12G, 10C, 10S       |                     |               |    |
| AC                           | 5-10            | 10YA 4/2                                      | sl           | WFGA           |                  |                     | Surface rock frag.  |               |    |
| BC                           | 10-28           | 10YA 5/4                                      | 1            | OM             |                  |                     | high, less in prof. |               |    |
| C                            |                 | shaly material mixed with sandstone callulium |              |                |                  |                     |                     |               |    |
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Additional Notes Veg Pinyon-Juniper

Between 1 Similar to Cabba only med. deep & higher rocks  
 M.S. deep over shale

Classification L-SK mixed frigid Type Ustorthent

Series Pathhead Fry

Profile No. T1-2

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| Percent Slope     | 60%        |            | Aspect  | West      |             | Erosion             |            |            |    |
| Position on Slope | Side slope |            |         |           |             |                     |            |            |    |
| Horizon           | Depth      | Color      | Texture | Structure | Consistence | <del>Moisture</del> | Frag-ments | Clay Films | pH |
| AC                | 0-8        | 10YA 4/2   | sl      | WFGA      |             | 25G, 10C            | 5S         |            |    |
| C                 | 8-15       | 10YA 5/4   | 1       | WFGA      |             |                     |            |            |    |
| C2                |            | very stony |         | OM        |             |                     |            |            |    |
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Additional Notes P-d

Very stony

Classification Loamy-skeletal, mixed frigid Type Ustorthent

Series Pathhead

Profile No. T1-3

|                   |       |          |         |           |             |                     |            |            |    |
|-------------------|-------|----------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----|
| Percent Slope     | 60%   | Aspect   | E-SE    | Erosion   |             |                     |            |            |    |
| Position on Slope |       |          |         |           |             |                     |            |            |    |
| Horizon           | Depth | Color    | Texture | Structure | Consistence | <del>Moisture</del> | Frag-ments | Clay Films | pH |
| A1                | 0-3   | 10YA 4/2 | sl      | M-FG      |             | 25G, 10C, 5S        |            |            |    |
| AC                | 3-15  | 10YA 4/4 | sl      | W-FG      |             | 20G, 10C, 5S        |            |            |    |
| C                 | 15-20 | 10YA 5/4 | l       | OM        |             | Extremely stony     |            |            |    |
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Additional Notes P-d

EST. surface 35G, 20C, 10S  
 15% WFGA, 5% veg, 15% Bare soil

Classification

Series Pathhead

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| County <u>Emery Co.</u>                                | Soil Mapping Unit <u>Tentatively A</u> |                               |        |
| Transect No. <u>T11</u>                                | Direction <u>SW → E</u>                | Boring Interval <u>2-100'</u> | Length |
| Starting Location <u>West end of conveyor corridor</u> |  |                               |        |
| Date <u>4/2/99</u>                                     | Photo                                  | By <u>D. Larsen</u>           |        |
| Remarks <u>P-J Red hills</u>                           |  |                               |        |

| Profile No. <u>T1-4</u>                     |              | Percent Slope <u>40%</u>     |           | Aspect <u>NE</u> |             | Erosion             |           |            |    |
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| Position on Slope <u>Toeslope, lower V3</u> |              |                              |           |                  |             |                     |           |            |    |
| Horizon                                     | Depth        | Color                        | Texture   | Structure        | Consistence | Moisture            | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
| <u>A1</u>                                   | <u>0-4</u>   | <u>10YR 3/2</u>              | <u>L</u>  | <u>MFGA</u>      |             | <u>15E, 15C, 5S</u> |           |            |    |
| <u>AC</u>                                   | <u>4-12</u>  | <u>10YR 4/2</u>              | <u>CL</u> | <u>WFGA</u>      |             | <u>5G, 5C</u>       |           |            |    |
| <u>CR</u>                                   | <u>12-18</u> | <u>Weathered grey shale</u>  |           |                  |             |                     |           |            |    |
|   |              | <u>Blocky rock structure</u> |           |                  |             |                     |           |            |    |

Additional Notes

Pinexon - Juniper  
Shallow over shaleSeries CabhaClassification Loamy, mixed (calcareous), frigid, shallow Typic Ustorthent

| Profile No.       |       | Percent Slope |         | Aspect    |             | Erosion  |           |            |    |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|------------|----|
| Position on Slope |       |               |         |           |             |          |           |            |    |
| Horizon           | Depth | Color         | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Moisture | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
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Additional Notes

Series

Classification

| Profile No.       |       | Percent Slope |         | Aspect    |             | Erosion  |           |            |    |
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| Position on Slope |       |               |         |           |             |          |           |            |    |
| Horizon           | Depth | Color         | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Moisture | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
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Additional Notes

Series

Classification

Classification Photo 4 - P-J slope + R.O. N side Series

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Access road

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| County            | Soil Mapping Unit |                 |        |
| Transect No.      | Direction         | Boring Interval | Length |
| Starting Location |                   |                 |        |
| Date              | Photo             | By              |        |
| Remarks           |                   |                 |        |

Profile No. T2-7

| Percent Slope 70%   | Aspect N pt, P-V | Erosion |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
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| Position on Slope   |                  |         |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Horizon   | Depth            | Color   | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Mottles | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
| Note: Cut slope has a short section of moderately deep, loamy soil over shale. It is mostly very deep colluvium, V. sandy & cobbly s. Some calcareous carbonates but doesn't appear to be an actual part of calcic horizon. Also some sidecast material across the slope. |                  |         |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Additional Notes  |                  |         |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |

Trinanga 4-7 from road boundary

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| Classification      | Series Dutton |
| ? Denny 30' section |               |

Profile No. T2-8

| Percent Slope 65% | Aspect N | Erosion      |         |                 |                      |            |           |            |    |
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| Position on Slope |          |              |         |                 |                      |            |           |            |    |
| Horizon           | Depth    | Color Est.   | Texture | Structure       | Consistence          | Mottles    | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
| O                 | 1-0      |              |         |                 |                      |            |           |            |    |
| A1                | 0-6      | 10YR 7/2     | 1       | WFGA            | SD VFR <sup>SS</sup> | 10G-R, 10C | 30S       |            |    |
| A2                | 6-12     | 10YR 4/2     | 1       | WFGA            | SD VFR <sup>SS</sup> |            |           |            |    |
| BK1               | 12-21    | 10YR 4/4-5/4 | 5H      |                 | SH FR, SS            | 15G-20C    | 5S        |            |    |
| BK2               | 21-32    | 10YR 5/4     | 5/1     | OA              |                      | 20G-20C    | 10S       |            |    |
| BK3               | 32-45    | 10YR 5/4     | 5/1     | more carbonates |                      |            |           |            |    |
| Additional Notes  |          |              |         |                 |                      |            |           |            |    |

Large boulders just up slope

Photo 3

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| Classification | Series Gubben |
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Profile No. T2-9

| Percent Slope 80%  | Aspect South east | Erosion |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
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| Position on Slope Top slope                                      |                   |         |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Horizon  | Depth             | Color   | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Mottles | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
| Shallow and moderately deep over shale. Similar to soil pit CW-3 |                   |         |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Additional Notes   |                   |         |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |

Photo 2 Cut at switch back, at drainage crossing, north side

Sandstone rock outcrop over shale

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| Classification | Series Denny |
| Cabby          |              |

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County Along access road Soil Mapping Unit                     

Transect No.                      Direction                      Boring Interval                      Length                     

Starting Location                     

Date 4/7/99 Photo                      By                     

Remarks                     

Profile No. T2-10 Percent Slope 80% Aspect NW Erosion 5/6 mph 9 ft

Position on Slope Lower 1/3

| Horizon  | Depth | Color | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Mottles | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
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| About a 70 foot section of slope shows water seepage and shallow slumping (shear failure) - CL soils / SS + shale similar to Denny cut west at 4' (and back to land) |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Just at the road cut shows Ruben and Ruben - 11ka soils - Questionable mottles - look: Ochre on about 40% of the soils - Calcic is weak - Some Denny soils 30%       |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Additional Notes <u>About 700' above stream crossing</u>   |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| <u>Est. about 10% has shale within 10' of surface</u>  |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| <u>At NALS soil unit break - Good indicator</u>  |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Classification <u>                    </u> Series <u>                    </u>  |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |

Profile No. T2-11 Percent Slope 80% Aspect NW Erosion                     

Position on Slope                     

| Horizon  | Depth | Color | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Mottles | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
|--|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|----|
| This section of slope has mostly very deep, well drained extremely stony colluvium     |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Surface is mostly too light for a mottles  |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| No calcic  |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Fastest section (40') bedrock is 1-4 ft from the surface                               |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Additional Notes <u>About 200' from first switchback on North-facing slope</u>         |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| <u>Some bristle cone pines present + Pinyon. Fur D.F. - moss</u>                       |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Classification <u>1-SK, T. Ustertchert, v. deep</u> Series <u>                    </u> |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |

Profile No. TR-12 Percent Slope 70% 80% Aspect NW Erosion Pinyon, Bristle cone pine

Position on Slope Mid slope

| Horizon   | Depth | Color | Texture | Structure | Consistence | Mottles | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
|---|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|----|
| Bedrock and large boulders with pockets of very stony colluvium               |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Additional Notes <u>                    </u>                                  |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |
| Classification <u>                    </u> Series <u>                    </u> |       |       |         |           |             |         |           |            |    |

## SOIL TRANSECT DATA SHEET

Page No. 5

County Along access road Soil Mapping Unit                     

Transect No. T2 Direction Varies Boring Interval                      Length                     

Starting Location                     

Date                      Photo                      By                     

Remarks                     

Profile No. T2-13

Percent Slope 70% Aspect N Erosion                     

Position on Slope Mid slope at edge of slight dissection

| Horizon                  | Depth       | Color                                     | Texture  | Structure  | Consistence | Mottles         | Fragments       | Clay Films | pH |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|----|
| <u>O</u>                 | <u>1-0</u>  |   | <u>1</u> |            |             |                 |                 |            |    |
| <u>A</u>                 | <u>0-2</u>  | <u>10YR 4/12</u>                          | <u>1</u> | <u>MPR</u> |             | <u>150, 109</u> | <u>105</u>      |            |    |
| <u>AC</u>                | <u>2-8</u>  | <u>10YR 4/14</u>                          | <u>1</u> | <u>WSP</u> |             |                 | <u>5 B</u>      |            |    |
| <u>BK</u><br><u>or C</u> | <u>8-24</u> | <u>10YR 5/14</u>                          | <u>1</u> | <u>CM</u>  |             | <u>106, 106</u> | <u>205 40 B</u> |            |    |
|                          |             | <u>boulders &amp; stones in colluvium</u> |          |            |             |                 |                 |            |    |

Additional Notes Roots limited to about 24"

Photo taken of road cut; 5' long; boulder/colluvium over thin coal, shale and sandstone

Classification 1-SK T. Ustochreut ? Ustochreut Series                     

Profile No. T2-14

Percent Slope 70 Aspect NW Erosion Pinyon scrubland D. F. I.

Position on Slope M. slope

| Horizon   | Depth                       | Color            | Texture     | Structure   | Consistence   | Mottles           | Fragments | Clay Films | pH |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|----|
| <u>A1</u> | <u>0-12</u>                 | <u>10YR 4/12</u> | <u>SI</u>   | <u>MPR</u>  |               | <u>Mixed Gk-B</u> |           |            |    |
| <u>AB</u> | <u>12-16</u>                | <u>10YR 4/12</u> | <u>1</u>    | <u>WSPK</u> |               | <u>60% Rk</u>     |           |            |    |
| <u>BK</u> | <u>16-36</u>                | <u>10YR 5/2</u>  | <u>1</u>    | <u>OM</u>   | <u>VH, VF</u> |                   |           |            |    |
| <u>C</u>  | <u>36+</u>                  |                  | <u>SI-1</u> | <u>OM</u>   | <u>VH, VF</u> |                   |           |            |    |
|           | <u>to at least 12'</u>      |                  |             |             |               |                   |           |            |    |
|           | <u>+ marginal to calcic</u> |                  |             |             |               |                   |           |            |    |

Additional Notes Near SW 1/4 back at upper level access to portal

Classification 1-SK mixed Typic Calcib-oll or Haplob-oll Series                     

Profile No. T2-15

Percent Slope 100 Aspect NW Erosion D. F. I., pinyon, mts. makega

Position on Slope Mid slope

| Horizon                     | Depth                       | Color                       | Texture                     | Structure                   | Consistence                 | Mottles                     | Fragments                   | Clay Films                  | pH                          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
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Additional Notes 20-30 Sampled for Calcic

CW-10

Classification                      Series                     

Weak mottles



## **APPENDIX D**

### **SOIL AND LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT**

**(Photographs were taken on April 1, 2, and 7, 1999.)  
Original photos were 4 X 7 inches. Distortion has occurred in  
format for page layout on some of the photos.**

**WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT  
BEAR CANYON MINE**



Soil Profile CW-1 and photo of the slope below the road at the portal site.

Side cast material on a north-facing slope. the original surface is at a depth of about three feet.

Tape measure units are in feet.



**WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT  
BEAR CANYON MINE**



Soil Profile CW-2 and surface conditions on the south-facing slope near the portal site. A Pathead soil in Soil Map Unit G.

Note sandstone rock crop near top of photo above.



**WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT  
BEAR CANYON MINE**



Soil Profile CW-3 and surface conditions. Toe of a south-facing slope about 800 feet below the portal site along the conveyor corridor.

A moderately deep soil (Doney) over shale in Map Unit G.



## WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT BEAR CANYON MINE



Lower photo shows the site of Soil Profile CW-4 an soil sampling site WHRS-3 in Soil Map Unit C, about 600 feet down the canyon from the portal site.

The upper photo is looking down the drainage from the portal site. The drainage is cut to bedrock.



# WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT BEAR CANYON MINE



Soil Profile CW-5 in Soil Map Unit D.

Soil Sampling site WHRS-2 by Co-op Mining Company.

Deep soils on a slight bench on a toeslope. This site has been proposed as a topsoil storage area.



**WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT  
BEAR CANYON MINE**



Soil Profile CW-6 and  
landscape features along the  
west end of the conveyor  
corridor.

A Pathead soil in Soil Map Unit  
A.



## WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT BEAR CANYON MINE

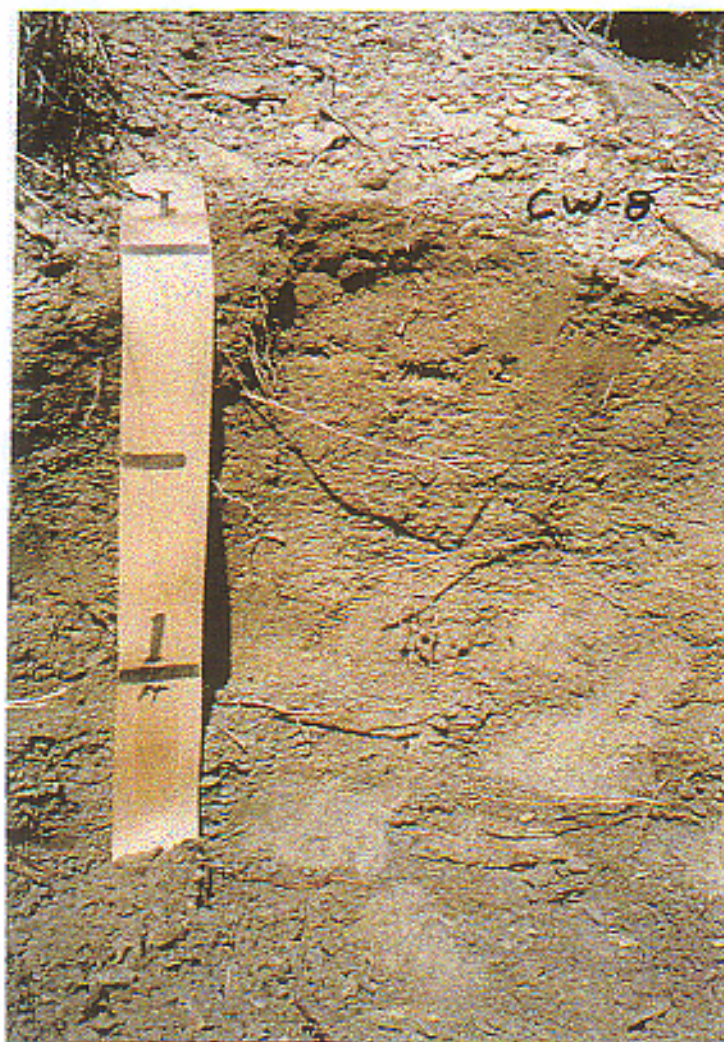


Soil Profile SW-7 site on road cut above the portal location.

A Guben soil in Soil Map Unit E.



**WILD HORSE RIDGE PORTAL PROJECT  
BEAR CANYON MINE**



Soil Profile CW-8 and surface conditions in Soil Map Unit A.

This is a shallow soil over shale (Cabba).



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BEAR CANYON MINE**



Soil Sampling Site CW-9 at the toe of a north-facing slope in Soil Map Unit E.

Corresponds with transect data sheet T2-5



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BEAR CANYON MINE**



Examples of roadcuts on the north-facing slopes showing very stony colluvium and shale.

Top photo corresponds to transect data point T2-13 and the lower photo is at T2-2 and T2-3

## **APPENDIX E**

### **SOIL SERIES AND FAMILY DESCRIPTIONS (TAXONOMIC UNITS)**

**FROM: Soil Survey of Carbon Area, Utah,  
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service**

## Cabba Family

The Cabba family consists of shallow, well drained, moderately permeable soils on benches, canyon rims, and steep canyonsides. These soils formed in residuum and colluvium derived dominantly from shale or siltstone of the Green River Formation. Slope is 3 to 70 percent. Elevation is 5,000 to 8,200 feet. Average annual precipitation ranges from 12 to 16 inches, and average annual air temperature ranges from 42 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are loamy, mixed (calcareous), frigid, shallow Typic Ustorthents.

Reference pedon of a Cabba family bouldery loam in an area of Cabba family-Guben-Rock outcrop complex, on the slopes of Cottonwood Ridge, about 250 feet west and 1,500 feet north of the southeast corner of sec. 7, T. 13 S., R. 16 E.

- A1—0 to 3 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) bouldery loam, brown (10YR 4/3) moist; moderate medium granular structure parting to moderate fine granular; loose, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine and fine roots; 5 percent pebbles, 10 percent cobbles, and 15 percent boulders; slightly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; mildly alkaline (pH 7.8); abrupt smooth boundary.
- C1—3 to 7 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) loam, dark brown (10YR 4/3) moist; weak fine granular structure; loose, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine and fine roots; slightly calcareous; mildly alkaline (pH 7.8); abrupt smooth boundary.
- C2—7 to 15 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) loam, yellowish brown (10YR 5/4) moist; massive; soft, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine and fine roots; slightly calcareous; moderately alkaline (pH 8.3); abrupt smooth boundary.
- C3r—15 inches; rippable shale; soft carbonate coatings on surface of rock.

Paralithic contact is at a depth of 8 to 20 inches.

*A horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 5Y, and value is 4 or 5 when moist. Texture is gravelly loam, bouldery loam, or extremely channery loam.

*C horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 2.5Y, value is 5 or 6 when dry, and chroma is 2 to 4. Texture is loam, gravelly loam, or clay loam. Clay content is 20 to 35 percent. Rock fragment content is 0 to 30 percent.



## Datino Series

The Datino Series consists of very deep, well drained, moderately permeable soils on canyonsides and mountain slopes. These soils formed in colluvium derived dominantly from sandstone and shale. Slope is 15 to 80 percent. Elevation is 6,800 to 8,700 feet. Average annual precipitation ranges from 16 to 20 inches, and average annual air temperature ranges from 38 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are loamy-skeletal, mixed Typic Haploborolls.

Typical pedon of a Datino extremely stony fine sandy loam in an area of Perma family-Datino complex, about 0.25 mile south of Soldier Creek Mine, 2,400 feet west and 2,200 feet south of the northeast corner of sec. 18, T. 13 S., R. 12 E.

A1—0 to 10 inches; brown (10YR 4/3) extremely stony fine sandy loam, dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist; weak fine granular structure; soft, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine and fine roots and few medium and coarse roots; few very fine pores; 15 percent pebbles, 25 percent cobbles, and 25 percent stones; moderately alkaline (pH 7.9); clear smooth boundary.

B2—10 to 16 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) very stony loam, dark brown (10YR 4/3) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine, fine, medium, and coarse roots; common very fine and fine pores and few medium pores; 15 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, and 10 percent stones; slightly calcareous; moderately alkaline (pH 7.9); gradual wavy boundary.

C1ca—16 to 41 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very stony fine sandy loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; massive; hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine, fine, medium, and coarse roots; common very fine and fine pores; 15 percent pebbles, 20 percent cobbles, and 25 percent stones; strongly calcareous; soft powdery masses of calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 8.0); gradual smooth boundary.

C2—41 to 60 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very stony fine sandy loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; massive; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine, fine, medium, and coarse roots; few very fine pores; 15 percent pebbles, 20 percent cobbles, and 25 percent stones; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 7.9).

Secondary calcium carbonate is at a depth of 15 to 22 inches. The mollic epipedon is 10 to 15 inches thick. The solum is 15 to 22 inches thick. The particle-size control section is 35 to 60 percent rock fragments.

*A horizon:* Value is 4 or 5 when dry and 2 or 3 when moist, and chroma is 2 or 3.

*B2 horizon:* Value is 3 to 5 when dry and 2 to 4 when moist, and chroma is 2 or 3. Clay content is 18 to 26 percent. Rock fragment content is 35 to 45 percent. Reaction is mildly alkaline or moderately alkaline.

*C horizon:* Value is 5 or 6 when dry, and chroma is 2 or 3. Clay content is 16 to 25 percent. Rock fragment content is 40 to 70 percent. Reaction is mildly alkaline or moderately alkaline.

## Doney Family

The Doney family consists of moderately deep, well drained, moderately permeable soils on benches, foot slopes, and mountain slopes. These soils formed in residuum and colluvium derived dominantly from siltstone, shale, and sandstone. Slope is 3 to 70 percent. Elevation is 6,700 to 9,500 feet. Average annual precipitation ranges from 14 to 20 inches, and average annual air temperature ranges from 38 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are fine-loamy, mixed, frigid Typic Ustochrepts.

Reference pedon of a Doney family stony loam in an area of Rabbitex-Doney family-Midfork family complex, about 7.5 miles northwest of Helper, 800 feet south and 1,800 feet east of the northwest corner of sec. 19, T. 12 S., R. 9 E.

A1—0 to 4 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) stony loam, dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist; weak medium platy structure parting to moderate medium granular; soft, friable; common very fine and fine roots; few very fine pores; 10 percent pebbles, 5 percent cobbles, and 5 percent stones; slightly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 8.4); abrupt smooth boundary.

B21—4 to 11 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) loam, brown (10YR 4/3) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; hard, firm, sticky and plastic; few very fine and common fine roots; few very fine pores; 5 percent pebbles and 5 percent cobbles; slightly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 8.4); gradual smooth boundary.

B22—11 to 15 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; weak medium subangular blocky structure; hard, firm, sticky and plastic; few very fine and fine roots; few very fine and fine pores; 10 percent pebbles; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 8.6); gradual smooth boundary.

C1—15 to 24 inches; light gray (2.5Y 7/2) loam, light olive brown (2.5Y 5/4) moist; massive; loose, very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine and fine roots; few very fine and fine pores; 10 percent pebbles; strongly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 8.8); clear smooth boundary.

C2—24 to 35 inches; light gray (2.5Y 7/2) loam, light olive brown (2.5Y 5/4) moist; massive; loose, very friable, slightly sticky; few fine roots; few very fine pores; 15 percent pebbles; strongly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 9.0); gradual smooth boundary.

C3r—35 inches; weathered shale.

Paralithic contact is at a depth of 20 to 40 inches. The particle-size control section is 0 to 15 percent rock fragments.

*A1 horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 2.5Y, value is 5 or 6 when dry, and chroma is 2 or 3. Texture is gravelly sandy loam, silt loam, and stony loam. Clay content is 15 to 22 percent.

*B horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 2.5Y, value is 5 to 7 when dry and 4 to 6 when moist, and chroma is 2 or 3. Texture is loam or clay loam. Clay content is 18 to 30 percent.

*C horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 2.5Y, value is 6 or 7 when dry and 5 or 6 when moist, and chroma is 2 or 3. Texture is loam or clay loam.

## Guben Series

The Guben series consists of very deep, well drained, moderately permeable soils on canyonsides and mountain slopes. These soils formed in colluvium derived dominantly from sandstone and shale. Slope is 15 to 75 percent. Elevation is 5,000 to 9,500 feet. Average annual precipitation ranges from 14 to 20 inches, and average annual air temperature ranges from 38 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are loamy-skeletal, mixed Typic Calciborolls.

Typical pedon of Guben extremely bouldery loam in an area of Cabba family-Guben-Rock outcrop complex, in Prickly Pear Canyon, about 1,200 feet south and 2,000 feet east of the northwest corner of sec. 14, T. 12 S., R. 15 E.

O1—0.5 inch to 0; pine needles and grasses.

A1—0 to 7 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) extremely bouldery loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) moist; weak fine granular structure; soft, very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine, fine, medium, and coarse roots; 15 percent pebbles, 10 percent cobbles, 5 percent stones, and 10 percent boulders; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 8.2); clear wavy boundary.

B2—7 to 15 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very stony loam, dark brown (10YR 3/3) moist; weak fine subangular blocky structure; soft, very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine, fine, medium, and coarse roots; 10 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, and 20 percent stones; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 8.4); clear wavy boundary.

C1ca—15 to 30 inches; very pale brown (10YR 7/3) very stony loam, pale brown (10YR 6/3) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine roots and few fine, medium, and coarse roots; few very fine and fine pores; 10 percent pebbles, 20 percent cobbles, 20 percent stones, and 5 percent boulders; strongly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 8.6); clear smooth boundary.

C2—30 to 60 inches; light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) very stony loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine, fine, and medium roots; few very fine and medium pores and common fine pores; 10 percent pebbles, 20 percent cobbles, 25 percent stones, and 5 percent boulders; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 9.0).

The mollic epipedon is 7 to 10 inches thick. The solum is 15 to 24 inches thick. The particle-size control section is 35 to 60 percent rock fragments. Secondary calcium carbonate is at a depth of 11 to 24 inches.

*A horizon:* Value is 4 or 5 when dry, and chroma is 2 or 3. Texture is extremely bouldery loam, extremely stony loam, or extremely bouldery fine sandy loam. Reaction is mildly alkaline or moderately alkaline. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 11 to 19 percent.

*B horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 7.5YR, value is 5 or 6 when dry and 3 or 4 when moist, and chroma is 2 to 4. Texture is very stony loam or very cobbly loam. Clay content is 17 to 22 percent. Rock fragment content is 35 to 55 percent. Reaction is mildly alkaline or moderately alkaline. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 20 to 25 percent.

*Cca horizon:* Hue is 7.5YR or 10YR, value is 6 or 7 when dry and 5 or 6 when moist, and chroma is 2 to 4. Texture is very stony loam or very cobbly fine sandy loam. Clay content is 17 to 25 percent. Rock fragment content is 35 to 60 percent. Reaction is moderately alkaline or strongly alkaline. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 20 to 38 percent.

*C horizon:* Texture is very stony loam or very cobbly fine sandy loam. Clay content is 17 to 24 percent. Reaction is moderately alkaline or strongly alkaline. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 19 to 30 percent.



## Pathead Series

The Pathead series consists of moderately deep, well drained, moderately permeable soils on benches, ridges, canyonsides, and mountain slopes. These soils formed in colluvium and residuum derived dominantly from sandstone and shale. Slope is 15 to 70 percent. Elevation is 5,900 to 9,000 feet. Average annual precipitation is 14 to 20 inches, and average annual air temperature is 38 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are loamy-skeletal, mixed (calcareous), frigid Typic Ustorthents.

Typical pedon of a Pathead extremely stony loam in an area of Pathead-Curecanti family association, about 2 miles north and 4 miles west of Helper, about 1,100 feet north and 400 feet west of the southeast corner of sec. 6, T. 13 S., R. 9 E.

- A1—0 to 3 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) extremely stony loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; soft, very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine roots; few very fine pores; 5 percent pebbles, 15 percent cobbles, 40 percent stones, and 5 percent boulders; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 8.6); abrupt smooth boundary.
- C1—3 to 14 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very cobbly loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; soft, very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine roots and few fine and medium roots; many very fine pores; 20 percent pebbles and 5 percent cobbles; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 8.8); clear smooth boundary.
- C2—14 to 26 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very cobbly loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; soft, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine and few fine roots; few very fine pores; 20 percent pebbles, 25 percent cobbles, and 5 percent stones; moderately calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; strongly alkaline (pH 8.8); clear smooth boundary.
- R—26 inches; sandstone.

Bedrock is at a depth of 20 to 40 inches. The particle-size control section is 35 to 60 percent rock fragments.

*A horizon:* Value is 5 or 6 when dry and 3 to 5 when moist, and chroma is 2 or 3. Texture is gravelly loam, cobbly loam, extremely stony fine sandy loam, extremely stony loam, or extremely bouldery fine sandy loam. Reaction is moderately alkaline or strongly alkaline.

*C horizon:* Hue is 10YR or 2.5Y, value is 6 or 7 when dry and 3 to 5 when moist, and chroma is 2 to 4. Texture is very cobbly loam, extremely cobbly loam, or very stony fine sandy loam. Clay content is 18 to 27 percent. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 11 to 28 percent. Reaction is moderately alkaline or strongly alkaline.

## Podo Series

The Podo series consists of shallow, well drained, moderately rapidly permeable soils on benches, mesas, and mountain slopes. These soils formed in residuum and colluvium derived from sandstone, shale, and limestone. Slope is 1 to 70 percent. Elevation is 5,200 to 9,000 feet. Average annual precipitation is 14 to 20 inches, and average annual air temperature is 38 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are loamy, mixed (calcareous), frigid Lithic Ustorthents.

Typical pedon of Podo gravelly sandy loam, 1 to 8 percent slopes, about 26 miles northeast of Sunnyside, about 2,300 feet west and 50 feet south of the northeast corner of sec. 19, T. 12 S., R. 17 E.

- A1—0 to 2 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) gravelly sandy loam, dark brown (10YR 4/3) moist; weak medium platy structure parting to weak fine granular; soft, very friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine roots; few very fine and fine vesicular pores; 20 percent pebbles; moderately calcareous; moderately alkaline (pH 8.2); abrupt wavy boundary.
- C1—2 to 8 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; weak fine subangular blocky structure; soft, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine, fine, and medium roots; few very fine and fine pores; 10 percent pebbles; strongly calcareous; moderately alkaline (pH 8.2); clear wavy boundary.
- C2—8 to 11 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) gravelly sandy loam, dark brown (10YR 4/3) moist; massive; soft, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine, fine, and medium roots; 25 percent pebbles; strongly calcareous; moderately alkaline (pH 8.2); abrupt smooth boundary.
- R—11 inches; sandstone.

Bedrock is at a depth of 8 to 20 inches.

*A1 horizon:* Hue is 7.5YR or 10YR, value is 5 or 6 when dry and 3 to 5 when moist, and chroma is 2 to 4. Texture is gravelly sandy loam, gravelly loam, cobbly loam, very stony loam, or very bouldery sandy loam. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 12 to 15 percent.

*C horizon:* Hue is 7.5YR or 10YR, value is 5 or 6 when dry and 4 or 5 when moist, and chroma is 2 to 4. Texture is gravelly sandy loam, loam, or gravelly loam. Clay content is 13 to 27 percent. Rock fragment content is 5 to 35 percent. Calcium carbonate equivalent is 22 to 33 percent.

## Winetti Series

The Winetti series consists of very deep, well drained, moderately rapidly permeable soils on narrow valley and canyon floors. These soils formed in alluvium derived from sandstone and shale. Slope is 1 to 8 percent. Elevation is 4,600 to 7,200 feet but commonly is 5,200 to 6,400 feet. Average annual precipitation is 12 to 16 inches, and average annual air temperature is 43 to 45 degrees F.

These soils are loamy-skeletal, mixed (calcareous), frigid Typic Ustifluvents.

Typical pedon of a Winetti bouldery sandy loam in an area of Shupert-Winetti complex, about 2.5 miles north of Sunnyside Mine, about 1,800 feet south and 2,500 feet west of the northeast corner of sec. 20, T. 14 S., R. 14 E.

A1—0 to 6 inches; grayish brown (10YR 5/2) bouldery sandy loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; moderate medium granular structure; soft, very friable; common very fine, fine, and medium roots and few coarse roots; 4 percent cobbles, 15 percent stones, and 10 percent boulders; slightly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; mildly alkaline (pH 7.6); abrupt smooth boundary.

C1—6 to 11 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) loam, brown (10YR 4/3) moist; weak medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; common very fine, fine, and medium roots; common fine pores; 10 percent pebbles; strongly calcareous; disseminated calcium carbonate; moderately alkaline (pH 8.2); clear wavy boundary.

C2—11 to 26 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very bouldery loam, brown (10YR 4/3) moist; weak medium subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine and fine roots; common fine pores; 10 percent pebbles, 5 percent cobbles, 10 percent stones, and 15 percent boulders; strongly calcareous; coatings of calcium carbonate on the underside of rock fragments; moderately alkaline (pH 8.4); abrupt smooth boundary.

C3—26 to 34 inches; brown (10YR 5/3) very bouldery loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) moist; weak medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky and slightly plastic; few very fine and fine roots; common fine pores; 10 percent pebbles, 5 percent cobbles, 10 percent stones, and 15 percent boulders; strongly calcareous; coatings of calcium carbonate on the underside of rock fragments; moderately alkaline (pH 8.4); abrupt smooth boundary.

C4—34 to 60 inches; pale brown (10YR 6/3) very gravelly sandy loam, brown (10YR 5/3) moist; single grain; loose, very friable, slightly sticky; few very fine and fine roots; 40 percent pebbles, 5 percent cobbles, and 5 percent boulders; strongly calcareous; coatings of calcium carbonate on the underside of rock fragments; moderately alkaline (pH 8.4).

The particle-size control section is 35 to 50 percent rock fragments.

*C horizon:* Value is 5 or 6 when dry and 4 or 5 when moist, and chroma is 2 or 3. Texture is mainly very bouldery loam or very gravelly sandy loam, but there are thin layers of very bouldery sandy clay loam in some pedons. Clay content is 14 to 17 percent.

**APPENDIX F**

**COMPARISON OF SOIL SURVEY MAP UNITS**

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**DETAILED SOIL MAP UNITS COMPARED TO NRCS ORDER 2 MAPPING**

**DETAILED**  
**MAP UNIT**  
**SYMBOL**

- A** This map unit was in an area originally mapped as UMF2 (Guben-Rabbitex-Pathead Complex, 10 to 50 percent slopes).
- Soils found in the area mapped as unit A were dominantly Pathead and Cabba.
- B** This map unit was part of an area mapped as C107 (Shupert-Winetti Complex, 1 to 8 percent slopes.) The project area is at a higher elevation than is typical of C107. Soils are strongly influenced by colluvium; with very little typical alluvial bottom land soils. Slopes are steeper in the map unit than identification C107. C107 was mapped higher on the adjacent side slopes than in this detailed section.
- C** This unit was part of C107. It is at too high of an elevation for the Shupert-Winetti Complex and has steeper slopes and rock outcrop present.
- D** This unit was part of C107. The elevation is too high for the Shupert-Winetti Complex and the slope is steeper. It is more of a toeslope position than a bottom land.
- E** This unit was mapped within units C107 (Shupert-Winetti Complex) and DHG2 (Commodore-Datino Variant complex, 40 to 60 percent slopes). Map unit C107 is not appropriate due to very steep slopes, colluvial soils, and cooler temperatures. The shallow Commodore soils were not noted at this toeslope position. Soils are mostly formed from deep, very stony, colluvial deposits with some shale present.

**F** This unit was mapped as UMF2 (Guben-Rabbitex-Pathead Complex, 10 to 50 percent slopes). The area mapped as F has steeper slopes than UMF2 and is dominated by very stony soils and sandstone bedrock.

**G** This soil map unit was originally mapped as UFF2 (Doney-Cabba-Podo Complex, 20 to 60 percent slopes). The map unit components remain the same, however, the slope gradient was increased to 80 percent for Unit G.

**MAP A**

**DETAILED SOIL SURVEY MAP**








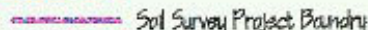
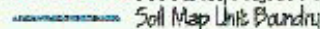
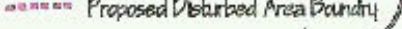
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# DETAILED SOIL SURVEY MAP MAP A

## BEAR CANYON MINE Wild Horse Ridge Portal Project

### LEGEND:

-  A: Patthead - Cabba Complex, 30 to 70% slopes
-  B: Winetti, High Elevation, 5 to 30% slopes
-  C: Winetti, High Elevation - Rock Outcrop, 10 to 30% slopes
-  D: Doney, Deep, 10 to 30% slopes
-  E: Dabino - Gaben Complex, 30 to 80% slopes
-  F: Gaben - Patthead Complex, 30 to 80% slopes
-  G: Doney - Cabba - Pado Complex, 30 to 80% slopes
-  Soil Survey Project Boundary
-  Soil Map Unit Boundary
-  Proposed Disturbed Area Boundary



SCALE 1" = 300'  
300' 150' 0' 300' 450' 600'

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5'  
PHOTOGRAPHY DATE SEP 3, 1991 & OCT 20, 1995

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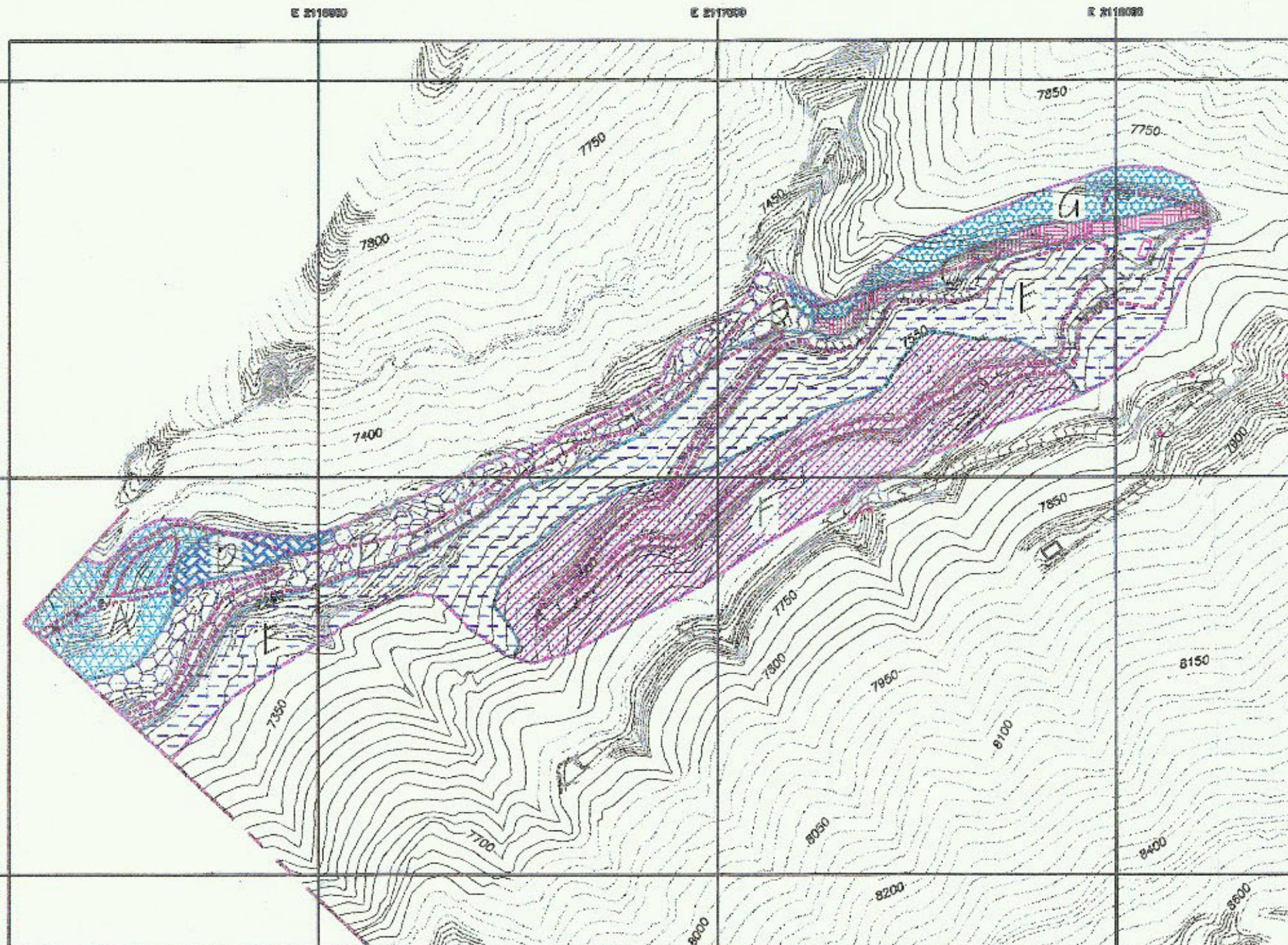
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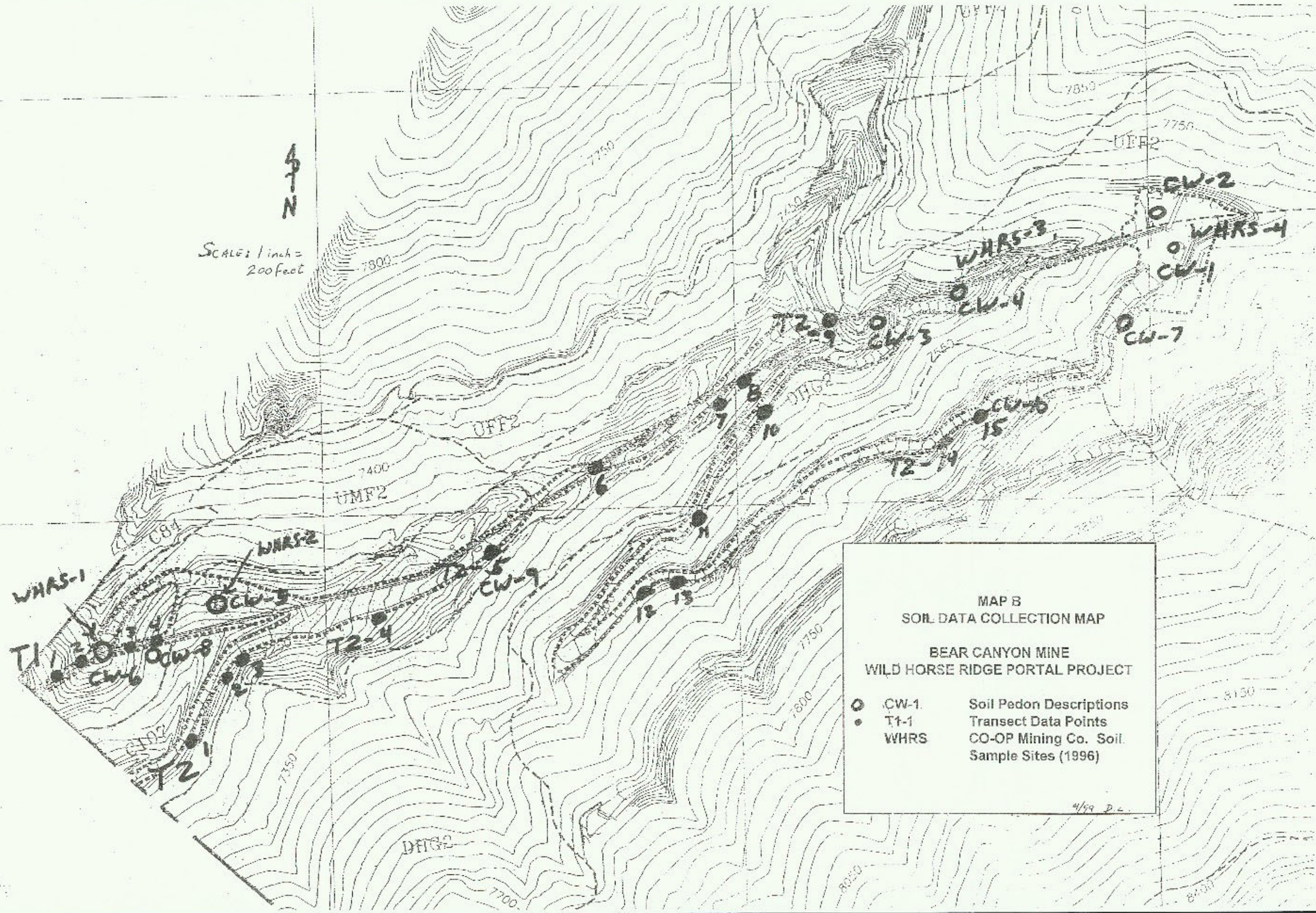


**MAP B**

**SOIL DATA COLLECTION MAP**

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MAP B  
SOIL DATA COLLECTION MAP

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○ CW-1 Soil Pedon Descriptions  
● T1-1 Transect Data Points  
● WHRS CO-OP Mining Co. Soil Sample Sites (1996)

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**MAP C**

**SOIL SUITABILITY MAP**

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# SOIL SUITABILITY MAP MAP C

BEAR CANYON MINE

Wild Horse Portal Project

## LEGEND:

Soil Survey Project Boundary  
Soil Map Unit Boundary  
Proposed Disturbed Area Boundary

APPROXIMATE THICKNESS OF  
SALVAGEABLE SOIL  
(Units Given in Inches)



(Excludes Existing Road)



SCALE 1" = 200'  
300' 100' 0' 200' 400' 600'

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5'  
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